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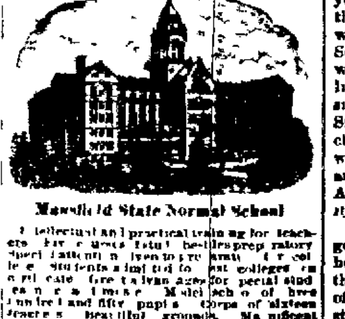

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A PAPER FAMINE.

By MARY HARTWELL CATHERWOOD

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"Oh, if I only had some paper!" whispered Marietta Brittles, rising from beside the old hair trunk in her grandfather's garret. Once upon a time she had found a 3 cent piece in a crack of that trunk. But half a Saturday's probing with a knitting needle failed to find such treasure again. It is hard to be 11 years old and an orphan and the genius of your town all at once, for when you are 11, particularly if you are an orphan, people have ceased to call you a dear little thing. Only your father and mother know what you need much more than food and clothes.

To be praised at school and be called a poetess by ladies with albums may be a fine thing, but a genius even at 11 is a lonesome animal, with crying wants which the people around him do not hear.

The attic echoed that cry, of which it was perhaps as tired as Marietta's folks down stairs, "Oh, I do wish I had some paper!"

One golden day, when the schoolmaster praised her compositions, Grandfather Brittles had put his hand in his pocket and bought her five foolscap sheets. They were an oily, blue kind, which took ink reluctantly, but she made a book out of them, "The Hermitess of Marston Moor." It lay now in the old trunk by the side of a tan colored epic written on wrapping paper and called "The Indian Poetess." Her coffer of treasures also held a number of poems and short stories, varying in length from an inch to a quarter of a yard. Besides her father's leather note books were there, his medical lectures all afloat in the stories his daughter had written around them. Marietta could not afford paragraphs. She wrote in one thick block, punctuating nicely, but making no breaks for conversation. She could only admire the spacing of tales in print and muse on the wealth of writers. People who wrote like that must have loads of paper. To this little girl riches took the form of creamy, smooth stacks of foolscap.

Once her cousin from college made her an heiress with all his scraps of pink, blue, green, buff and ivory white note paper. Such golden days come seldom in a lifetime. She ought to have had some of this windfall and denied herself the lavish use of it, so "The Knight and the Lady" would not have to ride around and around in her head in repeated stanzas without a blank page to receive them.

The poetry about Mrs. Bope's baby was written on the very last pink scrap. Marietta wished ink could be wiped off. But while she was ruing she recollected that Mrs. Bope had hinted at some payment for any piece of writing which Marietta might bring her. It was not pleasant to do poetry to order, yet she had enjoyed writing about that dear, dead baby, only she did not want to read it to the mother.

The force of her promise and the chance of Mrs. Bope's having writing paper to use as currency took sudden hold of her.

She opened the trunk and took out the pink baby poem, and hid it in her pocket with the loving shame of authors, and went down stairs to ask if she might go to Mrs. Bope's.

Grandmother Brittles and the two young aunts were sitting straight in their chairs, making over muslin gowns which had to be handled carefully. Sometimes Marietta really wished she was not a Brittles. It seemed so hard to live in the largest house in town on the smallest income. If she were one of the Smith or Burdon girls, she could be cheerfully earning money to buy paper with. But the Brittles were old stock and great people in their neighborhood. A Brittles would be a pattern of gentility if he starved at it.

The grandmother said Marietta might go to Mrs. Bope's, and her aunts told her not to run her shoes over and cut the uppers. She could walk instead of run—which strained leather and started the pegs—and she must not take her sunbonnet off to slap any schoolmate with it. She could play tag with her naked hand. A child's hands are tougher than much washed calico.

Marietta went to Mrs. Bope's without any desire to run. She usually liked to play that she was an Indian princess rushing on fleet moccasins through her native woods, and there was not a girl in school who was swifter on foot. But she stood at Mrs Bope's gate, smelling the sweet brier which climbed the house, filled with aching dread that she could not herself understand.

Marietta never asked anybody to listen to what she had written. She thought of herself as two little girls, one within the other. The outside girl was a romping, hearty creature, very well satisfied with life on the playground. The inside girl was eager for some world of libraries and gentle spoken men and women, a world in which she might meet and shyly gaze upon Nathaniel Hawthorne and Washington Irving and the great poet, Longfellow. The inside girl hated to write in ladies' albums and only did so because Grandmother Brittles said it would be impolite to refuse. She did not expect anybody else to be interested in what so delighted her. It now seemed to be the inside girl who hesitated at Mrs. Bope's gate, half minded to go back and stuff the baby poem in some crack of the old trunk.

But Mrs. Bope saw her and called her into the cool, dark house, pushed the auburn hair off her warm forehead and sat her down in a horsehair parlor chair.

There was always a smell of dried flowers and leaf mold in Mrs. Bope's house, and the engravings on the walls had a stained look like a high water mark. Mrs. Bope played on a dulcimer with a small hammer and was in the habit of singing many shrill, sad songs to the pecking of this instrument. She

It now seemed to be the inside girl who hesitated.

was a pale young woman and usually wore sashes with her dresses.

She asked about the Brittles family, and Marietta answered in the polite phrases of the village, looking about the darkened premises in vain for any traces of paper.

"I brought the piece you asked me to write, Mrs. Bope," said Marietta, feeling her face scorch.

"Oh, did you?" responded her hostess with the indulgent patience of grown women. "Then you may read it to me."

"No, ma'am, I can't," said the little girl, standing up. "At school we have to read our compositions. But when we don't have to I don't like to."

"Then I ought to say that you will have to," smiled Mrs. Bope.

"I'll just give it to you, and I'll go out and sit in the culvert while you read it. You can call me back, if you want it changed."

Mrs. Bope smiled unusually. She did not oppose the small author's exit, and presently smiled more through the window at Marietta's shoes and pantalets dangling down the culvert's stone side.

Yet in a quarter of an hour she called the child and sobbed in the hall over the auburn head that had instinctively turned its face away from a mother's sacred grief.

"Oh, you know just how I felt—it is so strange for you to know just how I felt!" exclaimed Mrs. Bope, trying to control herself. "I am going to put the piece in baby's box of clothes with his playthings and all."

"I wish I had brought it [illegible]" thought Marietta, awed by [illegible]

"[illegible] thank you so much for [illegible]" continued Mrs. Bope, dr[illegible]

"You're welcome entirely, Mrs. B[illegible] But don't you want it changed any?"

"No. I called you back to have some of my sponge cake and peaches. I intend to buy something pretty for you. What shall it be?"

Marietta had made up her mind during the moments she stood in the hall that she could not take pay for that literary work—even paper for which her [illegible] was famishing. Sponge cake and peaches were rarely seen at Grandmother [illegible] yet the inside girl made her [illegible] decline even them. When she had [illegible] penny, she never spent it [illegible] Who could do so when it would [illegible] a whole sheet of writing paper?

"I don't want anything, [illegible]" said Marietta, looking up [illegible] pink [illegible] her deep confusion.

So, with a [illegible] she again stepped [illegible] outside world.

"But how am I going to [illegible] per [illegible] The Knight [illegible] on [illegible] happened to the [illegible] horizon, the village street [illegible] sky.

One hand sought in the [illegible] pocket her last bit of stubby lead [illegible] Marietta knew how to make ink [illegible] definitely by doctoring it with [illegible]ter and soot. Of course its [illegible] faded out to mud color, but brown ink is not bad when you are used to it. Her father's gold pen was hers to use as she pleased, though her grandmother often desired her to remember that it was to last her a lifetime.

"I believe I will have to write out 'The Knight and the Lady' on the side of our barn," she began to resolve. "When I get some paper, I can copy it and scratch the place. But if any of the boys saw me doing it they might learn it and shout the lines at me on the street."

"Where are you going, Marietta?" spoke a piping voice behind her, and she knew before turning that Lucy Terrence was running to catch up with her. Lucy was a weak eyed little creature, with white skin, which never took wholesome tan. Marietta was a strong yokemate, who pulled Lucy through when the black man chased them or kept her from being flung off into space when the whole school played crack the whip.

"I ain't going anywhere," answered Marietta, putting an arm around Lucy as Lucy put an arm around her. It was so natural for two little girls to fall into a skipping step that she forgot at first about saving her shoe leather. She could be happy with a playmate in spite of the paper famine. She said nothing to Lucy about that, for nobody understands how necessary writing paper is except the person who is hungry for it.

"My mother said I might go to your house and spend the afternoon," [illegible]ed Lucy.

"Then let's play with [illegible] dolls," responded Marietta with [illegible]est, though the inside girl sighed [illegible] at the still wandering "Knight and Lady" and that smooth barn board on which they could not now be set down.

A green, wide space opened in that street which no child could pass without loitering, for in the center of the space stood a giant walnut tree with a house in its branches. A spiral stairway ascended around the trunk to Mr Waggle's front door, ten feet above the ground. The house was built of light timbers bolted together with iron, but it had an elegant finish, and had been sketched and written about by strangers and gazed at by neighbors until its owner resented the approach of anybody. The folks all around were willing to stay away from Mr. Waggle, but they would talk about him. [illegible] was called rich and a great tra[illegible] learned in books, they consid[illegible] it [illegible] social of any man to build his ho[illegible] a tree.

But Marietta secretly delighted [illegible] Mr Waggle, with his air of [illegible] lands and his separateness from [illegible] living on the ground.

He had a brown man to wait on [illegible] about whom there was constant [illegible] in the town. Some said this man [illegible] straight haired mulatto, others [illegible] was a Spaniard and yet others [illegible] was, according to Mr Waggle's own testimony, a Sandwich Islander. He had a broad, mild face, his hair was cut straight around his head, and though he wore thick American cloth even in summer he was always wreathing his hat with flowers.

Settled people who had never been used to such sights could hardly believe the gentle Sandwich Islander harmless, and they felt they ought to watch him when he did errands or worked in the garden beyond the tree.

Marietta and Lucy stopped without a word and gazed at Mr. Waggle's house.

The door was shut, though all the windows appeared open. Far back in the garden the brown man's shoulders bobbed up and down as he hoed.

The walnut tree seemed as full of music as if each one of its leaves breathed a song.

Step by step Marietta and Lucy approached the tree. They knew they were not wanted there, but other children had dared to go up that spiral stairway leading to so exclusive a world. If they had tumbled down again in a hurry, Marietta was sure it was because they were cowardly. Mr. Waggle had never hurt anybody.

"He won't care if we go up and sit by his door, Lucy. I'm sure I wouldn't care, if I could make such music as that, who heard it."

Lucy blinked anxiously, but did as Marietta did. They felt the ridges of walnut bark with the delighted awe of explorers, winding around the ascent. Flower breaths came from Mr Waggle's garden, and the whole visible earth was steeped above its rim of woods in shimmering heat. The sun glared back from white houses. Leaves everywhere held a ripe depth of green, and Mr. Waggle's house seemed the harmonious center of all these good things. Marietta wished it could be always summer, for in the winter you notice so much more how hungry you are and your hands ache so at knitting, and there is a dullness in sunset which makes you feel heavy hearted going home from school, knowing that the dinner is eaten and that you will have to take some scraps in the pantry.

They were just sitting down on Mr. Waggle's top step when the door flew open, a loud whistle like a call was blown, and there stood the angry inmate, while music played on behind him.

Marietta was aware that the brown man answered and ran from the garden. She stood and shook with Lucy, but tried to be dignified.

"We didn't want to disturb you, Mr Waggle. We were only listening to your music. You play it so nicely."

"Yes," responded Mr Waggle, putting his knuckles in his side and lifting the corners of his nose. "Only 25 of you have been up this stairway today. Any boys down there, Aloha?"

"No boys, master," answered the brown man.

"Then go back to your plants," said Mr Waggle, and he reached down from his doorstep with unexpected dexterity, pulled Marietta and Lucy into his [illegible], and [illegible]ked the door.

Lucy tried [illegible] high tiny squeal like [illegible] pig, but Marietta told her Mr [illegible] would not hurt them. [illegible] and looked at them with the [illegible] pushed back from his forehead. He always wore a jacket and fez. His face was [illegible] with many wrinkles, yet it had no look of age.

"There are ten music boxes here," said he, "and I intend to keep them playing until 10 o'clock tonight. You will get the [illegible] of the music."

[illegible] Marietta was appalled at the tho[illegible] of staying there until 10 o'clock at night, and Lucy squealed in a higher key [illegible] saw the sumptuous room Mr Waggle inhabited, its floor like polished glass, spread with tufted rugs and its space divided by rich screens into many little apartments. Square windows and square mirrors alternated until the house seemed many times expanded. Light bamboo sofas furnished the space not cut up by screens, and Marietta [illegible] thing was lacking to this palace [illegible] paper.

The music boxes played like enchantment, and Mr Waggle spoke as if they were working a spell.

"Now, what can you do," said he, "to break the charm and get out before 10 o'clock?"

[illegible] This was their [illegible] the queer citizen of [illegible] He was quite different from [illegible]

"Can you dance the cachuca?" demanded Mr. Waggle.

Marietta had read of the cachuca but her family had never let her dance anything.

"[illegible] whistle an entire opera?"

"If I [illegible] my mother would whip [illegible]"

"[illegible] chance left," said Mr [illegible] either of you make [illegible]?"

"I can," responded the genius.

"[illegible]," testified Lucy, showing [illegible] apron.

"[illegible]" Mr Waggle severely [illegible] out of your own head [illegible] at least three stanzas long, with six or eight lines in a stanza."

"I can do it," said Marietta. At last "The Knight and the Lady" would come to paper! Her eyes shone, and she stood like an athlete ready for action as Mr Waggle moved a screen and showed her a desk furnished with every blessing a hungry author could desire.

There [illegible] even paperweights of

[illegible]

marble [illegible] and [illegible] But [illegible] compared to the [illegible] paper, the other stacks of [illegible] beautiful [illegible] sheets [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] three copies of "The Knight and the Lady" [illegible] she got [illegible] to spell [illegible] to swallow [illegible] ourselves in [illegible]

[illegible] ready to trip on a [illegible] Mr Waggle had [illegible] his eye [illegible] She could [illegible] out of the win[illegible] her own eager, pink, hair [illegible] and repeated in the mirrors around.

When Mr Waggle had read "The Knight and the Lady," he looked searchingly at the author and demanded:

"What made you write this?"

"Because it's the first chance I've had to write it," she answered truly.

"Do you often make rhymes?"

"Yes, sir," confessed the little girl, hanging her head. But she hastened to add: "I would rather write things down in stories without any rhyme, only it takes so much paper."

"And you write stories too? And they don't try to whip it out of you at school?"

[illegible] to indifference and ridicule but hardly to condemnation, and Mr Waggle really seemed fierce. She plaited the bottom of her apron and muttered that the girls liked to have her help them with their compositions.

"Don't you see what this will bring you to?" demanded Mr Waggle. "You'll be everybody's drudge. The trouble of the whole world will run through you, and if any profit comes of it, in the course of time your glorious star spangled banner country will rise to the occasion and rob you by its laws."

Marietta flung the bottom of her apron against her face and burst into sobs. She had lived a pinched life, and the prospect which Mr. Waggle set before her must be terrible indeed. But she jerked the truth out of her laboring breast.

"I ca-ca-can't help it. I g-g-got to write—what comes in my head—if I have to write it on the barn!"

"That alters the question," said her tormentor, his voice taking a tender tone. "Now, I'll give you a dollar for this rhyme I hold in my hand. I know a glee club that would like to have it for a song."

The sympathetic squeal of Lucy and the convulsive sobbing of Marietta were silenced as if by magic greater than the magic of the music boxes. The music boxes played on with chimes of little bells.

Only a nature instinctively self sustaining can bear well being lifted from despair to astonishing prosperity. Mr Waggle himself smiled at the tears and laughter in the face before him. But as he felt in his pocket for the dollar she intercepted the motion.

"Oh Mr Waggle, won't you give me a dollar's worth of paper instead of the money."

With her sincere credulity she never doubted that Mr Waggle was really buying her "Knight and Lady" for a glee club. It seemed a proper thing for a glee club. He was always kind to her from that day, yet years had to bring her insight before she saw through the glee club story.

He now hesitated with the dollar in his hand until Marietta made her case clearer.

"You know, Mr Waggle, if I have a dollar's worth of paper, I have it. But a dollar in money might go to pay for shoes or hats or something you don't need as you need writing paper."

"That's truth itself," said Mr Waggle. "We will guard against any such misfortune."

Wealth, white and uncrumpled, an armload of wealth, burdened Marietta as she flew down the spiral staircase to the street.

"I believe there's enough to last me till I'm grown up!" she panted in her excitement to Lucy, but Lucy was scarcely over the fright, and really did not see anything to rejoice over.

"I bought five butter scotches for 5 cents last week," she observed. "And you might have got a chunk of rock candy as big as your fist for a cent."

"Oh, Lucy," pleaded the genius, "how could I waste a copper on candy? But I tell you what I'll do, Lucy—I ain't stingy. I'll give you all for yourself five great, big, white sheets of my paper!"

THE END

HOW SHE HELD THE TRAIN.

A Woman's Strategy That Enabled Her Daughter to Go to Town.

"Before I came to this part of the country I was an engineer on a railroad down south," said a railway man. "We used to make a long run, and we were pretty slow about it. While on that line I had some very odd experiences. I remember one day, when we reached the junction station, a woman came up to me and asked me to hold the train for five minutes. She said that her daughter wanted to take the train to the city. I told her that it was impossible for me to hold the train for her."

"'I don't see why,' she expostulated. 'I think you might do a little thing like that.'

"I tried to explain to her that trains run on schedule time, and, like time and tide, wait for no man, or woman either, for that matter. But she wouldn't have it, and finally, just as we were about to start, she shouted indignantly:

"'Well, I'll just see about that.'

"I laughed, but soon I ceased to laugh, for what did that old woman do but get right on the track about three feet in front of the engine. She sat herself there, firmly grasping hold of the rails with both hands. The conductor signaled for me to go ahead, as our stop was over. But I couldn't do it as long as she remained on the track, for I would kill her certainly. I called to the conductor, and he, impatient at the delay, came up. I explained the situation to him. He was as mad as I was and going up to the woman told her to get off the track.

"'I just won't,' she replied, 'until my daughter gets on board your train.'

"He pleaded with her some more and finally declared that he would be compelled to use force.

"'Just you dare!' she cried. 'I'll sue you for damages if you do.'

"This opened a new complication, and we reasoned with ourselves whether we had better remove her by force. Just as we had determined upon a course of policy her daughter came up and seeing the old woman on the track kissed her goodby and got on the train, while her mother called to her:

"'Go ahead, Mary Ann. You have plenty of time, though, for I will sit on the track until you get on board.'

"And then, when Mary Ann was safely on board and we were about ready to run over the old woman, if necessary, she calmly and slowly got up and waved mo[illegible]ly, calling as we pulled out of the station:

"'I hope I've teached you fellers a grain of politeness.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Ancient Greek Music.

We have a fair idea, theoretically at least, what was Greek music, but no practical knowledge. Some fragments of written music have been found, notably a hymn supposably of the year 150 A. D. In The Forum J. Gennadius tells of the more recent discovery made among the ruins of the treasury of the Athenians, due to French explorations.

The musical notation on all these inscriptions is expressed by the letters of the Greek alphabet, which when marked upright, inverted or tilted forward, over the syllables of the text, indicate the various notes. Two sets of such musical symbols were in use with the Greeks—the one was vocal and is employed in the first, the other instrumental and figures in the second, of the two hymns to Apollo. As, however, the instrumental accompaniment would hardly have been noted at the sacrifice of the song itself we must infer that not only the voices sang in unison, but that, in this instance at least, instruments and voices were in unison. The hymn discovered and deciphered by the descendants of the invaders, whose discomfiture it celebrated, was, for the first time after a lapse of nearly 12 centuries, again sung on March 27, 1894, before the king of the Hellenes, at Athens, where it had been originally composed.

Mailing Candy Abroad.

A young man who apparently knows a girl in London came into the office the other day and asked whether candy could be sent abroad through the mails. So he was taken over to the postoffice and the state of affairs was laid before an official, who instigated an investigation. After a long time he returned and reported as follows:

"I am very glad," said he, "that you asked that question. Its answer shows a curious state of affairs. In this country you can send candy up to 4 pounds as merchandise for 1 cent for each ounce. If you want to send candy abroad you only have to pay 1 cent for every 2 ounces, but you can only send 12 ounces in each package. If it weighs more than 12 ounces you have to pay letter rates, or 10 cents an ounce for the whole thing.

"That is to say, you can send 10 ounces to London for 5 cents, but it would cost you 10 cents to send it to Brooklyn. So if you are thinking of sending a pound it will cost you $1.60. The stamp department is right over there."

"Thank you very much," said the young man. "I just happen to remember that the doctor has forbidden the girl to eat candy."—New York Mail and Express.

THE GREAT DIAMOND SWINDLE

By ATHOL MAYHEW.

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"Vell, vell, vell!" cried Mr. Vanderstroom—Cornelius Vanderstroom, if you please, diamond merchant, formerly of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and now of Hatton Garden—in sharp staccato explosions of broken English astonishment as he let his morning paper fall and bounded out of his chair like the excitable india rubber ball of humanity that he was.

"Vell, I nefer vos seen anytinks like it—nefer!"

"Like what, dear?" queried his more phlegmatic English better half as she set her cup down and calmly began chipping her second egg.

"Like vat? Vy, like dat!" Mr. Vanderstroom stooped, picked up the fallen sheet, and in the effort tilted all the superfluous blood out of his body into his adipose head. "Like dis, sheep's head, dis—pah! I can't call him anytinks strong enough except in Dutch."

The indignant little merchant hurried to the window, the more reclusefully to let off some appropriate adjectives occurring to him in his native tongue.

"There, there, Cornelius," said his lady soothingly, "don't upset yourself for business. What have you lighted on in the paper—anything disquieting from the mines at the Cape?"

"Matilda Yane," replied the ruffled husband as he resumed his seat at the breakfast table, "you English peoples alvays vos as cool as de Zuyder Zee. But ven I reads of such tiefs, such r-r-rascals, such r-r-roppers, I runs right out of mine head and gets excited."

"Cornelius, be calm—courting apoplexy in that manner! Why, the papers are always full of thieves and robbery."

"Dat's vot makes me so vild!" yelled Cornelius in tones suggestive of a return to his native expletives. "Vere vould be your tiefs and r-roppers if peoples vos more sharp? Listen—I read you dis."

Mr Vanderstroom gave his paper a sharp punch in the middle of one of its columns to straighten it out and the better to bring his rolling, raising eyes to bear upon the paragraph which had so suddenly provoked his ire.

"Daring Robbery at a City Bank—Successful Theft of Over £11,000," he read, and then, in his best Bavarian version of her Britannic majesty's English, he rendered to his wife a full, true and particular account of how a young "walk" clerk belonging to a certain city bank had been very neatly "lifted" the day before of that substantial sum. The clerk, it appeared, in the course of his usual rounds, had entered a bank in the neighborhood of the Royal Exchange, and, proceeding to the counter to present some checks and bills for collection, had laid his satchel down in front of him. As he placed it on the counter he felt a touch on his left shoulder, and, turning round, was asked by a man of gentlemanly exterior standing near whether he would direct the questioner to another bank close by. To give the stranger the required information was but the work of a moment; but, on turning his head again to the counter, the young clerk was horrified to find that his satchel, containing Bank of England notes to the value of £11,500, had vanished.

"How lucky," exclaimed Mrs. Vanderstroom, "that the satchel held no gold! Of course the notes will be stopped, as the numbers"—

"Matilda Yane," interposed the diamond merchant severely, "you vos like all de vomans—you yump to gonglusions. If de notes vos come into an innocent holder's hands, de Bank of England must pay."

"But," replied his wife, determined to be credited with at least one item of discovery, "if the person who asked the way of the clerk took the satchel from under the young man's very nose, why"—

"Dere you vos again, Yane—yumping!" shouted her peppery spouse. "De barty vat took de satchel vos annoder man on de odder side. Dere vos, p'raps, two, dree of dem—vat dey call a 'put up yob.' Mit all dees dricks dey volks it like de conjurers—it's de quickness of de hand deceives de eye."

"Oh, Cornelius—Corny, dear, let this be a warning to you to be careful! You know the thousands and thousands of pounds of diamonds you are constantly walking about with up and down Hatton Garden—loose in your waistcoat pockets too, or only rolled up in a little tissue paper—and you such a mite! Mind they don't 'put up,' as you call it, something of the sort for you."

Mr Vanderstroom rose with offended dignity, gulped down another yearning to return to his native Dutch, walked into the hall, tapped the barometer, jerked himself into a remarkably tight and appallingly short covert coat, quite oblivious of the fact that in the struggle between his redundant figure and his restricted upper covering he had contrived to scrape a very fat pocketbook out of the breast pocket of his frock coat and drop it into the thick carpeting of the passage, brushed his hat, placed it with a defiant tap on his head, and then, with the hall door in his hand, he drew himself up to his full 5 feet 3 boundary of impressiveness as he said to his wife, who had followed him:

"Matilda Yane, if dey can come any of dere schwinding dricks over me, I makes dem a bresant of all dey lays dere fingers on. Do quickness of de hand vill nefer keep pace mit de rapidity of dis child's eye. He vasn't built dat vay."

And with these emphatic words, delivered with a tap on the side of the nose and a sagacious wink of the eye, Mr. Cornelius Vanderstroom executed a dignified waddle down the road in the direction of his train, while his wife, turning round in the hall when her lord and master was out of sight, discovered and immediately took possession of the dropped pocketbook.

When the diamond merchant returned from his business to his suburban home, he was a strangely altered man.

There was no sleep for him that night until his bedroom had been turned into a star chamber, with his wife as grand inquisitor and the bed for the rack. Slowly, but surely, the dreadful confession was wrung from him. Humbly he had to disclose the nature of the loss he firmly believed he had sustained, to abjectly own that he had been robbed in broad daylight, in his train perchance—he, the astute, clever Cornelius—robbed like a common country bumpkin of his pocketbook, containing £3,500 in Bank of England notes, which must have been abstracted from his undercoat somewhere between his home and Hatton Garden, for when he reached his office that morning it was gone.

Mrs. Vanderstroom listened in a kind of ecstasy of female triumph to her husband's agonized confession of male fallibility. It was only after she had extracted from him a vow that he would never carry such large sums about with him again and that he would deliver the £3,500 into her safe keeping (should it ever be recovered, which seemed hopeless after all he had told her at breakfast about "innocent holders of stolen Bank of England notes") and never ask for the money back again unless the demands of business rendered such a course absolutely imperative—it was only after these solemn promises had been drawn from the unhappy Cornelius that his good lady turned him in an instant from the most miserable of mortals to the most joyous of little men by showing him his pocketbook with the notes intact as she had found them in the hall that morning, reposing snugly and safely under her pillow.

From that hour Mr Vanderstroom's reputation for phenomenal cuteness in the detection of crime, his dissertations on rogues and roguery, as well as the customary allusions to his distinctive dexterity in the detection of "put up yobs," had to be confined to his city circle of admirers. But events were ripening destined to shatter the diamond merchant's reputation for sharpness as much abroad as at home.

It was afternoon in Hatton Garden. Cornelius was sunning his consequential little rotundity on his office steps, with his heavy ringed fingers thrust in the armholes of his waistcoat and his dumpy little legs stretched importantly apart. A benevolent complacency suffused his features, for he had just lunched and felt good. Moreover, he had transacted a fair business in the morning, and, among other dealings, had got rid of a parcel of slightly "off color" diamonds to an amateur at close on "water" prices. To add to his streak of luck he had just played old De Beers at dominos for his lunch at the Cosmopolitan cafe at the top of the Garden and won. Therefore, having had it all his own way, the street was just then a temporary garden of Eden to Cornelius, with never a snake in the landscape.

Suddenly the little diamond merchant's attention was attracted to a handsomely appointed mail phaeton coming down the street from the Holborn circus end. Cornelius flattered himself that he was something of a judge of horseflesh, having several showy animals at home, and when the pair of high stepping bays attached to this remarkably smart turnout pulled up with a suddenness that nearly sent them on their haunches at his own doorstep he was free to confess that prettier bits of blood couldn't be met with anywhere between the Viaduct and Hyde park corner. The American looking, soldierly gentleman who was apparently the owner of the phaeton was not driving, which was at once accounted for when Vanderstroom observed that the right sleeve of the stranger's closely buttoned gray frock coat was empty and pinned across his breast.

"Military, by thunder!" ejaculated Cornelius to himself as he surveyed the new arrival, marked the missing arm and noted the cockade in the hat of the neat, middle aged groom who so deftly manipulated the bays.

"Guess this should about fix the location!" cried the one armed, military looking gentleman in unmistakable Yankee accents as he descended from his seat in the carriage, scanned the memorandum in his hand and then surveyed the house in which Cornelius had his offices.

"American twang!" thought the diamond merchant, continuing his mental notes. "Yankee colonel or general, maype, who has made his pile in pork, petroleum or vooden nutmegs. I wonder if he is after diamonts."

Diamonds beyond a doubt! More luck for Cornelius that day—for Vanderstroom's name was on the stranger's lips as soon as his patent leathers had touched the pavement!

Waal, waal! and he was Mr Vanderstroom—waal, now, really! "One sec'" they had better "sail right in" as he wanted to inspect some stones for a present he contemplated "swinging" on his wife. Fact was he'd had a "bonanza cable" from Arizona that morning telling him that in his new mine they had not only come upon a fresh reef but "they'd struck it eternal thick." "Calculated" he wouldn't know where to stow all the silver if Arizona "crowded" it in on him so all fired fast, but "guessed" that diamond buying would help as quick as any other way to knock the bottom out of Pot-shot Gulch!"

With these and sundry other explanatory interjections, by the way, all of them delivered with that unconventional freedom of speech and breeziness of style for which your genuine "down easter" is held to be peculiar, the American and the diamond merchant found themselves in the first floor office.

Cornelius Vanderstroom impressively took a bunch of keys from his pocket and with considerable ceremonial opened the great safe. The stranger started at the array of jewels that met his gaze. Cornelius felt flattered at the involuntary tribute paid to his collection. Diamonds, both rough and cut, were quickly brought forth and cunningly displayed in the most suitable light on backgrounds of black velvet. But the polished gems alone met with the general's—yes, assuredly a general, by his easy air of command—approval. And what a nice, discriminating eye the American had for first water stones! In vain Cornelius tried to palm off inferior qualities at high grade rates. The stranger wasn't to be "had." So the merchant's respect for his customer rose in proportionate ratio to his fastidiousness.

At last a number of beautiful "pearl, or river, diamonds and some perfect

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Smethport, Pa., January 28th, 1897.

[illegible] announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Additional Law Judge of the [illegible] Judicial District, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

Thomas A. Morrison.

McKinley has certainly got the right tinge on the financial question.

U. S. Senator Dubois of Idaho has been elected to stay at home for the next six years.

About $280,000,000 is the annual output of gold. This will be rather discouraging news to the silverites.

Last Friday the State of Kansas celebrated her 36th birthday. What a change these 36 years have wrought in the nation's history.

Colleges seem to prosper in spite of the hard times. These institutions of learning in the United States during the past year received benefits amounting to $16,000,000.

In some parts of Canada mercury got down to 52 degrees below zero last week. It would be beneficial to the Canadians to get under the stars and stripes as their bosoms might have a tendency to warm that Icelandic atmosphere.

Last Wednesday First Vice President Frank Thompson was elected President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to succeed President Roberts, deceased. A most excellent choice, as Mr. Thompson has virtually grown up with this perfect system.

Early last Saturday morning Geo. B. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, died at Philadelphia of heart failure, aged 62 years. He had been president of the road since 1880 and had been connected with the Pennsylvania railroad since 1851.

After stealing a governorship two years ago by a contest the Tennessee Legislature has now prevented a contest by requiring a bond of $25,000 from a Republican who demands it. The deposit will probably be stolen if placed in the hands of the ballot box stuffers.—Globe Democrat.

Major McKinley has thus far displayed excellent judgment in the selection of men of ability to fill the most important positions in his cabinet. The following appointments have been made: Secretary of State, John Sherman of Ohio; Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage of Illinois; Secretary of War, General Russell Alger of Michigan; Secretary of the Navy, ex Gov. John D. Long of Massachusetts; Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson of Iowa.

Last week the announcement of the candidacy of Hon. T. A. Morrison for re-election as Additional Law Judge appeared in our columns without particular comment. It reached us as we were going to press, too late for us to adequately express our views. Judge Morrison is a staunch Republican. We think, however, the judicial office ought to be lifted above partisan strife. All parties ought to unite in placing his name on their tickets. He is eminent as a jurist. Few judges can boast such a record of decisions affirmed by the Supreme Court. For absolute incorruptible impartiality no judge in Pennsylvania is his superior. In his decisions he grasps the spirit and purpose underlying all precedents; and, where precedents fail to guide his keen perceptions lead him toward justice, and his natural inclinations tend to the side of morality. We have not considered his construction of the Brooks liquor law all that Prohibitionists would like. But all license laws are thoroughly bad, and the worst that can be said of Judge Morrison's administration of this law is that he interprets it just as its framers intended.—Kane Leader.

THE COINAGE COMMITTEE.

The committee on coinage, weights and measures, of which our Congressman, C. W. Stone, is chairman, has presented the following resolution to the House on the question of international coinage:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President be authorized and requested to invite, through our diplomatic representatives, an expression of opinion from the other principal commercial nations of the world as to the desirability and feasibility of the adoption of international coins to be current in all the countries adopting the same at a uniform value and to be specially adapted to invoice purposes; and if the expressions thus obtained from other nations are such as in the judgment of the President to render an international conference desirable, then he is hereby authorized to invite such conference at such time and place as he may designate, to consider and report to the several governments joining in such a conference a plan or plans for the adoption and use of common international coins, composed of gold or silver, or both; and if such conference is called the President is hereby authorized to appoint thereto three representatives of this government, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for whose compensation and expenses, provision shall be hereafter made.

RULE OR RUIN.

Pennsylvania's delegation to St. Louis failed to take a hand in the nomination of Major McKinley for the Presidency, and now it seems that the same hand has been instrumental in keeping one of her representative sons from a position in McKinley's cabinet. The Tunkhannock Republican says:

It now seems settled that Pennsylvania will be left out in the making up of President McKinley's cabinet. That it was Mr. McKinley's desire to name a distinguished Pennsylvania Republican for a place in his cabinet there is no doubt, but the mere report that the Hon. Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, was being considered for such a position caused both our United States Senators, Quay and Penrose, to hasten to Canton for a private interview with Mr. McKinley, and it is now evident that the visit was made for the purpose of showing their opposition to the appointment of Mr. Smith. The factional fight is so strong in this State that an appointment cannot be made without incurring the bitterness of that fight, and thus the great State of Pennsylvania must be ignored in the makeup of President McKinley's cabinet. The appointment of Charles Emory Smith would have been most pleasing to an [illegible] majority of the Republicans of the State, for he is well known as one of the most able men in our State, and nothing outside of personal political hatred would be urged against him.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Washington, Feb'y 1, 1897.—The Senate committee on foreign relations having amended the arbitration treaty to meet the objections to it, by the insertion of a sentence excepting from arbitration, except by special agreement, all questions affecting the foreign or domestic policy of either of the contracting parties or the relations of either with any other nation, and by striking out that portion which gave King Oscar, of Sweden, authority to name the umpire, has reported the treaty to the Senate with a recommendation that it be ratified, and there is now little doubt of its speedy ratification. Another treaty has just been signed with Great Britain and sent to the Senate. It provides for a determination of a portion of the Alaska boundary line.

Had President-elect McKinley tried ever so hard, he could not have pleased the old soldier element of the party more than he has done by the selection of General Russell A. Alger of Michigan to be his Secretary of War. Gen. Alger is also popular with the party at large, and the Michigan delegation in Congress is especially well pleased with the honor bestowed upon him.

Although the Senate voted down an appropriation to pay the expenses of the West Point Cadets in coming to the inauguration, it is probable that they will come after all, unless Secretary Lamont shall decide otherwise. The public spirited managers of a Washington hotel have offered to board the cadets free during their stay in Washington, and any other expenses that may be necessary will be met by the inauguration committee. Public sentiment in Washington wants the cadets in the inaugural parade, and nothing will be left undone to get them.

Ex Queen Lil of Hawaii, who is now in Washington, is very discreet in her utterances as to her object in visiting the United States at this time, but one of her hangers-on has let the cat out of the bag by stating that she thought President Cleveland ought, before retiring from office, to replace her upon the throne. She has been badly advised if she thinks any such thing as that can be accomplished. Although Mr. Cleveland was at one time very anxious to restore the deposed Queen to authority, there is reason to believe that he has long since realized the mistake he made in his policy towards Hawaii, and that he would not now carry it out if he could. And everybody, including the ex-Queen, ought to know that he could not if he wanted to.

Several anti-Republican Senators made quite a bluff at opposing the bill authorizing President McKinley to appoint delegates to represent this country at any international monetary conference that may be called by any other country or that he in his judgment may deem advisable to call, but when it came up to the scratch only four votes were cast against the bill in the Senate. No trouble is expected in getting the bill through the House. A notable feature of the short debate which preceded the passage of the bill by the Senate was the speech made by Senator Hoar, who, when abroad last year made it a point to secure information on the growth of bimetallism in Europe. He expressed the positive opinion that international bimetallism was bound to come in time. As to the length of time, he said: "If not in three months, then in three years. It will be stronger twelve months hence than it is to-day, and it is stronger to-day than it was twelve months ago." Mr. Hoar quoted original letters in his possession to show why he believed that four great nations, the United States, England, France and Germany, were steadily advancing towards bimetallism.

While there are few Republicans in Congress who would have named Mr. Lyman J. Gage, had they been asked to select President McKinley's Secretary of the Treasury, all of them agree in commending the choice now that it has been made by Maj. McKinley. Many Republican Senators and Representatives are personally acquainted with Mr. Gage, and those who have not that honor are familiar through others with his splendid business career in Chicago, where he has resided for more than forty years. From a business standpoint there is not a flaw in the record of Mr. Gage; from a political standpoint there is one flaw: he voted for Cleveland when he was elected President the first time. The best proof that Mr. Gage regretted his action in that case is found in the fact that he did not vote for Cleveland the second and third time that he was a candidate and that he was especially active in the support of McKinley and Hobart and honest money during the late campaign. His administration of the treasury department is likely to be very strong in business, and somewhat indifferent in partisan politics. Under existing circumstances this may be the best possible sort of an administration of that important branch of the government, not only for the country but for the Republican party.

THE PROPER SENTIMENT.

The following letter from President-elect McKinley to the inaugural committee, will meet the approval of every patriotic American citizen:

Inaugural Com., Washington, D. C.:

Gentlemen: It has come to my knowledge that you propose to expend something like $50,000 for what is known as the inaugural ball, to be held on the evening following my inauguration. While I appreciate fully the spirit that has prompted you to project a ceremonial of such magnificence, allow me to say, with the sincere hope that I will not be misunderstood, that it is unbearable for me to think of such a vast amount of money being devoted to no more substantial purpose than display and pleasure when there are millions of our brethren throughout the world actually suffering, starving, dying from the lack of food, clothing, shelter and medical attention. I beg of you, then, if your desire is to arrange an observance of inauguration day that will be well pleasing to me, and give impressiveness to the event, that you abandon your pretentious plans for the ball, and, with the approval of the citizens who have subscribed the money, devote $25,000 to the organized alleviation of wretchedness in the great cities of the United States, $10,000 to provide food and shelter for the persecuted Armenians of Turkey, and $15,000 to relieve the horrors of plague and famine in India. Hoping that you will share my views of the manner in which the funds can be applied with the most gratifying results to our people and with the greatest credit to our impulses as a Christian nation, I seriously and earnestly solicit your participation in this act of sacrifice and self-forgetfulness. I am, gentlemen,

Yours very cordially,

William McKinley.

"Not long ago a farmer who lives three miles from here, came to my store before breakfast and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He said their little boy had a bad cold, and as they had used what they had in the house his wife would not let him go to plow until he came and got another bottle. The little boy, who was with him, remarked: 'Now I will soon be well, for Chamberlain's "sell" medicine always cures me.'" R. C. McElroy, Black Hawk, Pa. In speaking of this remedy Mr. McElroy said people came from far and wide to his place to get it, and many of them would not know what to do without it. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, L. B. Hopkins, East Smethport.

STATE HOUSE BURNED.

The State House at Harrisburg was burned on Tuesday afternoon, the 2d inst. From the press reports we glean the following:

The legislative halls are in ruins. A new building must arise from the ashes of the structure that has served as a meeting place for the Pennsylvania legislature since 1822. The flames have eaten up $1,500,000 worth of property. The House was in session and the Senate was about to convene after a few minutes recess when the flames were discovered. Smoke could be seen in small volumes pouring out into the Capitol grounds from the House windows. The members were not mindful of it until the great clouds rolled by the windows. Instantly there was a motion to adjourn and all was consternation.

In the Senate the members were lolling about in their seats. The place began to smell of smoke and soon dense clouds rolled down the rear elevator shaft. Fire alarms were sent in and soon the dignified Senate was a mass of howling men. Desks were being jerked loose and carried out. The same work was going on in the House chamber.

Out in the grounds great crowds quickly gathered. Flames were then shooting out of the roof over the Lieutenant Governor's chamber, where the fire originated. Rapidly the flames destroyed the roof and ate their way down into the Senate chamber. They shot along the roof, wound themselves about the dome and over to the House chamber. Soon every portion of the building was aflame, and there was no hope for the historic structure.

During the fire numerous persons were injured by falling timbers and by several small explosions. No one was fatally hurt, however. For a time it looked as though the adjoining department buildings would be destroyed, but a shifting wind saved them. The blaze was confined to the Capitol building.

Those who lingered on the border of the Senate chamber first saw a bright flame leap from above the Speaker's chair, and then around the chandeliers appeared tiny tongues of flame that licked away the frescoing on the ceiling and burned the fastenings of the chandeliers, which came down with a crash. Then a cry went up that fire had leaped the rotunda, and was climbing up through the dome and back into what was known as the old State Library section of the building, occupied at the time as committee rooms and by the president pro tem, with a large caucus room at the end. A shower of sparks dropped from above into the rotunda with a loud crackling noise, and then a burst of flame swept through the doors and into the House, which had adjourned sometime before. Warning was sounded that the portion of the building beneath the old library was on fire. But beyond saving a few chairs and tables there was nothing of value taken out of the building. The minutes of this session of the House, however, were saved.

The old Capitol, the finest piece of colonial architecture in the State, was completely destroyed; every department in it lost almost everything. The contractor for the improvements in progress had an insurance of $70,000, his contract not being finished.

Just as soon as the legislature can meet, a bill will be introduced to rebuild the Capitol at once.

The corner stone of the Capitol was laid on May 31, 1819, by Governor Findlay. The building which was finished in 1821, was 180 feet long, 80 feet wide and two and a half stories high. On each side was a wing, that on the north being occupied by the Senate, and that of the south by the House.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

A generous tribute to his growth from the Petersburg Index Appeal, a political opponent.

President elect McKinley is a greater, a broader man than the McKinley who was nominated at St. Louis. His growth was shown in his campaign speeches. Perhaps he grew no more rapidly than the public when the real meaning of the questions at issue began to be considered, but he certainly kept the pace with the best of his fellow citizens.

We have seen no line in any of his many speeches to visitors that he need forget or regret. Whether after preparation or without notice, and whether to politicians, or farmers, or laboring men, or old soldiers, his talk has at all times been fit and worthy. Perhaps we should not use the phrase "after preparation," for evidently the coming President has been always a careful student of affairs. The last few months have demonstrated that. He has simply taken a more comprehensive view of conditions; he has applied to 1896-97 with increased ideas of the extent of his responsibilities the knowledge gained by observation and study in many years past.

Never having been of those who believed that the national government by Republicans was pestilence, while the like government by Democrats was balsam and ointment, we are prepared to welcome the President-elect and willing to believe that he will prove a patriotic, pure and especially non-sectional President; that domestic affairs will have wise and careful attention outside as well as inside of the tariff rates, and foreign affairs a steady and genuinely American consideration.

Cash Register and safe for sale cheap. Inquire of Dr. Burg Chadwick.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 2[illegible], October Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Jane Ann Cole did, on the 21st day of August 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Joseph Crandall Cole.

We therefore command you, the said Joseph Crandall Cole, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Jane Ann Cole, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Jane Ann Cole, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. Davis, Sheriff.

M. A. Rogers, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice.

The following accounts of Administrators, Executors and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, in and for the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, the same will be presented for confirmation at an Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for said county, on the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon:

First and final account of C. D. Comes, executor of the last will and testament of Polly V. Comes, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. Winkler, executor of the last will and testament of Jeremiah Shea, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Mosely, administrator c. t. a., of the estate of Franklin Mix, deceased.

First and partial account of O. P. Coleman and F. M. Coleman, administrators of the estate of Horace Coleman, deceased.

First and final account of John Lincoln, administrator of the estate of W. A. Lincoln, deceased.

First and final account of L. C. Devinney, administrator of the estate of F. M. Johnson, deceased.

First and final account of Sheridan Gorton, guardian of the person and estate of Althea B. Cool, minor child of John B. Cool, late of Lafayette township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Cora M. Erickson, administratrix of the estate of Erick A. Erickson, deceased.

Geo. W. Mitchell, Register.

M. M. Cheats, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration on the estate of Ira [illegible] Gleason, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to E. C. Gleason, residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

Jan. 22, 1897.—6 t.

E. C. Gleason, Administrator.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or duplicate any bridge, do stone work and complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. Kemlay, Contractor, Smethport, Pa.

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The Only One To Stand the Test.

Rev. William Copp, whose father was a physician for over fifty years, in New Jersey, and who himself spent many years preparing for the practice of medicine, but subsequently entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, writes: "I am glad to testify that I have had analyzed all the sarsaparilla preparations known in the trade, but

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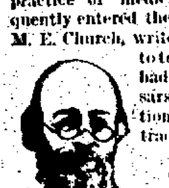
is the only one of them that I could recommend as a blood-purifier. I have given away hundreds of bottles of it, as I consider it the safest as well as the best to be had."—Wm. Copp, Pastor M. E. Church, Jackson, Minn.



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THE ONLY WORLD'S FAIR Sarsaparilla

When in doubt, ask for Ayer's Pills

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levari Facias and Alias Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEB. 22, 1896,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all that parcel and lot of land situate in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the east line of Bennett brook road; thence east 307.4 feet; thence south 1 degree east 155.5 feet; thence east 100.45 feet; thence south 1 degree east 360.16 feet parallel with Bennett street; thence west 37.33 feet to east line of Bennett brook road; thence along said line 563.12 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 1.77 acres more or less, being part of lot known as Edson lot, excepting and reserving a certain lot of land conveyed by W. C. Nye and wife to L. M. Finney by deed bearing date September 29th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 37, page 478 &c. Also excepting and reserving another lot of land conveyed by W. C. Nye and wife to the Young Men's Ha. Association, Limited, by deed bearing date December 29th, 1891, and recorded in the office of the Recorder in and for McKean county in Deed Book 33 page 328 &c. and being same premises conveyed by Annie Edson to Wm C. Nye by deed dated December 28th, 1881, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 15, page 69 &c. Improved and having thereon two one story frame dwelling houses, one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, two green houses, one barn and usual outbuildings.

Also—All that piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at southeast corner of Shaw lot on Bennett street; thence along west side of Bennett street 47 feet to the southeast corner of Libbie-tory lot; thence west 115.1 feet; thence southeast 153.4 feet along Bennett brook road to the northwest corner of Shaw lot; thence northeast 71.2 feet to the place of beginning. Being lot [illegible] survey, and east of Annis Edson lot and being same premises conveyed by Annis Edson by Loyal Ward, trustee, to W. C. Nye, and B. A. Poer, by deed dated June 25th 1881, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 15, page 20 &c. Improved and having thereon three one-story frame dwelling houses and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm C. Nye at the suit of David J. Nye.

J. M. McClure, plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the Morrison Run and the east side of the B. B. and W. railroad; running thence along said railroad north 43 degrees 30 minutes west forty-four and one-seventh rods to an angle; thence north 57 degrees west five and six-tenths rods to a post; thence south 65 degrees 30 minutes east fifteen and thirty-three one hundredths rods to a post on west side of public highway; thence south 50 degrees 30 minutes east twelve and seventy-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 12 degrees 20 minutes east twenty-five and twenty-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 10 degrees east eight and fifty-four hundredths rods to a post; thence south 62 degrees west thirty-six rods to a post and place of beginning. Containing three acres and ninety-six and 41-100 square perches of land, more or less, excepting and reserving however out of the above grant all the petroleum, rock or carbon oil, gas and other minerals in and under said described land with all the rights necessarily appertaining in order to fully enjoy the said premises for the purpose of mining, storing and removing the same. Also excepting and reserving from force and operation of this conveyance the right, title and possession of a portion of above described lands as follows: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the creek [illegible]tioned as the place of beginning; thence along the railroad north 43 degrees, 30 minutes west ninety feet; thence north 62 degrees east [illegible] line of said land; thence south along east line to the place of beginning, being same lands this day conveyed by second party to first parties herein. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings, a few fruit trees, well of water in house.

Also—All the right, title and interest of the said parties of the first part both in their own right and as widow and heirs at law of James Cobbett, deceased, (the said James Cobbett leaving to survive him the above named widow and [illegible] children) of, in and to all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of school house lot No. 1; thence north 45 degrees west seventeen rods and five links; thence north 47½ degrees east 14 rods and ten links; thence north 11½ degrees east ten rods; thence north 39 degrees east twenty rods; thence north 13½ degrees east ten rods and six links; thence north 37 degrees west sixty rods; thence due north to county line; thence east on county line to lands of James Anderson; thence bounded on the east by lands of James Anderson and the Morrison estate, on the south by the Morrison estate and the north line of school house lot No. 1 to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and one acres of land, more or less, being part of Warrant 2320 and same premises conveyed to the said James Cobbett, deceased, by William I. Bartholomew in 1889. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one frame barn, a small orchard about 40 acres improved and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles H. Cobbett, Mary J. Cobbett and H. H. Cobbett at the suit of L. R. Reed, assignee of the J. S. Norton Supply Co.

Sheridan Gorton, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in a piece of land in the township of Wetmore, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post and stones in the center of the road, the northwest corner of Annie Sellins' ten acre lot;—Thence west sixty rods to a post;—Thence south eighty-two rods to a post;—Thence east sixty rods to a post and stones;—Thence north eighty-two rods along Annie Sellins' line to the place of beginning. Containing thirty and seven-tenths acres, about twenty-five acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of John Sellin at the suit of Axel Peterson.

A. P. Huey, Plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in Hamilton township McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 2320, being part of Lot No. 23 of the G. H. Lyons survey of 1882. Beginning at a post in the north side of the Big Level road, marking the southeast corner of lands of Charles Jackson: Thence along land of said Jackson N. 1 degree, 0½ minutes west 148 rods to a post corner: Thence N. 88 degrees, 30 minutes, E. 16.47-100 rods to a post in the line of lot 21: Thence along said line S. 0 degrees, 30 minutes E. to the north side of the Big Level road: Thence along said road to the place of beginning, containing 15.7-10 acres more or less.

Reserving however the right of way of the B. L. & B. K. R., a strip 60 feet wide 30 feet each side of the centre of the track, making about 1-5 of an acre more or less.

Reserving also the Spring lot as per assignment made to E. K. Kane by Albin Carlson, March 1st, 1894 as included within the aforesaid lines viz:—Beginning at a post in the line of Lot 24-40-4 10 rods from the northeast corner of this Lot:—Thence south 45 degrees, 30 minutes west 24-9-10 rods; thence south 0 degrees, 30 minutes east 14 rods;—Thence north 45 degrees, 30 minutes east 25 rods to the line of Lot 24;—Thence along said line to the place of beginning, and subject to the reservations and rights as mentioned in Deed from Andrew Jackson to John O. Johnson dated December 18th, 1890 and recorded in Deed Book No. 63 at page 113 etc.

And subject to the right of way of the Tide Water Pipe Co., Limited. Improved and having thereon about fifty fruit trees, one water well one two-story frame house with ell, one small barn, one frame barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. O. Johnson at the suit of H. C. Saunders and L. C. Roe, Executors Estate of W. J. Colegrove deceased.

Jno. N. Apple, plaintiffs' attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being lot number one hundred and two (102) on the south side of Haines street, being fifty by one hundred and fifty (50x150) feet; adjoining vacant lot of Evan O'Neil Kane on the west; lot of Swan Johnson on the east; alley on the south, and Haines street on the north. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of O. N. Jackson at the suit of F. A. Lyon, cashier First National Bank, for use of J. R. Greene.

H. E. Shaffer, plaintiff's attorney.

6.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land situate in Eldred township, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania containing twenty-five (25) acres strict measure, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post of northeast corner of land contracted to H. A. Canfield lot No. 288; thence west 37 perches to a post at the northwest corner of the same; thence north 20 perches to a post corner; thence west 25 perches to a hemlock the southeast corner of land contracted to E. K. Percival, lot No. 288; thence north [illegible] perches; thence east [illegible] perches to a post, thence south [illegible] perches to the place of beginning, subject however to certain reservations mentioned in a contract for said land given by J. A. Winner to George W. Winslow, dated May 1st, 1893, said contract being on file in the Prothonotary's office of McKean county, in No. 210, February term, 1897. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. W. Winslow at the suit of J. A. Winner.

E. R. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

7.

Defendant's interest in all of the following described real estate, to-wit:

First. All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post on the west side of High street; the same being the southeast corner of lot now or formerly owned by Henry Lamphere; thence westerly along line of Totes lot seventy (70) feet to a post in line of Perkins and Alma lot; thence southwardly along said line twenty-five (25) feet to a post; thence east seventy (70) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north along line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame building, 24x120 feet, used as a store and dwelling house and one board shed.

Second. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in Bradford city county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point the west side of High street, being the southeast corner of lot above described; thence west along land above described to southwest corner thereof; thence southwardly along said line of Perkins and Alma twenty-five (25) feet more or less to a post; thence east seventy-five (75) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north along west line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one one and a half story cottage one frame stable and usual outbuildings.

The two parcels of land above described being same lands conveyed by C. K. Lapsam and wife to Belle McGibney, by deed dated June 27th, 1889 and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, August 14th, 1889, in Deed Book Vol. 61, page 146 etc.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Belle McGibney at the suit of W. C. McNiss and Mrs. M. A. Adams.

M. Sullivan, plaintiff's attorney.

8.

Defendant's interest in the following: The building is a two-story frame dwelling house situate on the Third ward, city of Bradford at No. 34 Bank street in the said city of Bradford. The land on which said building is set is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron post on the south side of Bank street one hundred and fifty (150) feet more or less west of Pearl street; thence south one hundred (100) feet; thence west thirty-three (33) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet to Bank street; thence east along Bank street thirty-three (33) feet to the place of beginning. Containing three thousand three hundred (3,300) square feet, and being a part of the land conveyed to August W. Newell by Daniel Kingsbury and wife by deed dated December 18th, A. D. 1889 and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said county of McKean, and by A. W. Newell and wife conveyed to Anna J. Nelson.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. M. Nelson and Anna J. Nelson, his wife, owner or reputed owner and contractor, at the suit of Geo. A. Rodico.

M. H. Byles, plaintiff attorney.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Being lot No. 24 as per C. S. Whitney and C. Crump of Lewis Run, McKean county, Pennsylvania, recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Pa., in Deed Book 1.57 page 98, [illegible] frame dwelling house, [illegible] and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. Lamb at the suit of Gust Herbig.

C. E. Judd, plaintiff's attorney.

10.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

First. Being part of Warrant 3185 and being lot No. [illegible] on Haines street; Beginning at a post in the north line of Haines street 163 feet from the northeast corner of Haines and Yarnell streets; thence parallel to Yarnell street north 20 degrees west 165 feet to a post; thence parallel to Haines street north 70 degrees east 50 feet to a post; thence parallel to Yarnell street south 20 degrees east 165 feet to a post; thence by the north side of Haines street south 70 degrees west 50 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 8250 square feet more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Evan O. Kane by deed dated May 5th, 1891, and recorded in Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 25, page 503 etc., on July 15th, 1891. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house and usual outbuildings.

Second. Being part of Warrant No. 3186 and being lot No. [illegible] on Clay street: Beginning at a post in the west line of Clay street 193 feet from the southwest corner of Clay and Greeves streets; thence by the west line of Clay street (thirty (30) feet from the centre line thereof) south 20 degrees east 60 feet to a post; thence at right angles thereto south 70 degrees west 160 feet; thence parallel to Clay street north 20 degrees west 60 feet; thence at right angles thereto north 70 degrees east 160 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 9600 square feet of land more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Elizabeth O. Kane by deed dated January 31st, 1894, and to be recorded. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with ell, one shop and usual outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. G. Lewis at the suit of The Ridgway Building and Loan Association.

N. C. MacEwen and F. H. Ely, plaintiff's attorneys.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 4, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 173, June Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Dora E. Guild did, on the 1st day of April, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, William P. Guild.

We therefore command you, the said William P. Guild, that setting aside all other business or excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Dora E. Guild, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Dora E. Guild, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Berry & Edgett, Libellant's Attorneys.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 25, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 2[illegible], October Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Sarah J. Lorenz did on the 1st day of September, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Philip Lorenz.

We therefore command you, the said Philip Lorenz, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of Sarah J. Lorenz, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Sarah J. Lorenz, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeable to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

W. E. Burdic, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. [illegible], October Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wm. H. Aiken did, on the 21st day of July, 1896, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Jennie H. Aiken.

We therefore command you, the said Jennie H. Aiken, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of William H. Aiken and show cause, if any you have, why the said William H. Aiken, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

S. W. Smith, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 25, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. [illegible], June Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wilhelmina Fryckholm by her next friend, H. Holm, did, on the 13th day of March 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Axel Theodor Fryckholm.

We therefore command you, the said Axel Theodor Fryckholm, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Wilhelmina Fryckholm, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Wilhelmina Fryckholm, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

N. C. MacEwen, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. [illegible]4, October Term, 1896.

McKean County, ss:—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Margaret M. Darrison by her next friend, Geo Pritchford, did, on the 1st day of June, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Oliver H. Darrison.

We therefore command you, the said Oliver H. Darrison, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Margaret M. Darrison, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Margaret M. Darrison, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

M. H. Byles, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA. | Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA.

Stock-Taking Time

Now on hand.—It is our custom before taking our annual inventory to place on special sale all remaining winter stuffs at greatly reduced prices. Every article has been made to feel the purse of quick selling and whether it be a pair of woolen hose or a fur jacket you may feel assured that the knife suffer both alike.

The old Price and the new Price are in plain figures—One Price.

Dress Goods.

No matter how a dry goods store is judged your judgment is based upon their dress goods department.

We claim to carry one of the finest and best selected stocks in our city in medium priced goods we aim at quality and newness of weaves.

In our high class novelties we carry exclusive patterns, confined to us alone.

Lot all wool serges, cashmeres and novelties, in choice colorings, formerly selling upwards to 40c. Inventory price 24c

Scotch novelties, silk and wool plaids; all this season's choice styles, 40 and 42 inches wide. Some formerly sold as high as 80c. Inventory price 48c

Send for samples.

Silk Clearance.

Evening silks and rich novelties in colors and blacks, and all broken lines of high grade and medium priced silks, all made at price which will insure their speedy sale previous to inventory.

Dark and medium colored fancy silks all very choice designs. Especially adapted for waists, etc. Inventory price 58c

Send for samples.

Corsets.

Lot of corsets made by some of the best makers; broken sizes; mostly large, several colors and shapes; one of the grandest bargains ever offered. Some formerly selling as high as $1.50. Inventory price 35c

These will not last long and would advise an early attendance to secure one.

Yarns.

We carry all colors and shades of one of the best makes in the market.

To close lot of odd colors in Germantown Knitting Yarns we will place on sale about 50 skeins—brown, blue cardinal, red tan, etc., formerly selling as high as 10c. Inventory price 5c

Cloaks.

Previous to stock-taking we have made tremendous reductions in all our Jackets and Capes.

Imported Irish Frieze Jackets, satin faced, inlaid velvet collar, straight button fronts and tailor made, reduced from $10 to $6

Embroidered Plush Capes trimmed in Thibet fur well lined and finished reduced from $7.50 to $4.85

COHN BROTHERS,

20 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

FOOTWEAR

A Large Assortment for Ladies and Gentlemen Just Received.

Try Our Shoe Dressing,

"Gilt Edge" for Ladies, "Elite" for Gentlemen.

Manufacturing and Repairing Neatly and Promptly Done.

ALBERT ANDERSON,

Callar Block, Smethport, Pa.

A. B. ARMSTRONG & CO.

Smethport, Penna.

Dealers in

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals and Patent Medicines,

Sponges, Syringes, Soaps, Combs and Brushes,

Perfumery,

Fancy Tissue Paper, Crepe Paper,

FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES,

AND ALL GOODS USUALLY KEPT BY DRUGGISTS.

Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Compounded, and all Orders Correctly Answered.

GOODS SELECTED WITH GREAT CARE, AND WARRANTED AS REPRESENTED.

I. COLEGROVE'S

Closing-out Sale of Shoes and Rubbers.

I am going to close out my entire stock of Shoes and Rubbers. Every pair must go at COST or below. My stock in complete both in size and styles.

235 pairs of Children's and Misses'.
52 " " Boys'.
300 " " Ladies'.
225 " " Men's.

Come early and secure the best bargains. No shoes charged hereafter.

I also have a few CLOAKS left which will be sold at and below Cost.

J. COLEGROVE,

SMETHPORT, PA.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

PALACE PHARMACY.

Under the new management the store will be stocked with a new and complete line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines,

Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Brushes, &c.

Parties in need of a TRUSS or EYE GLASSES will be greatly benefitted by giving us a call. As our stock is very large we will close them out at reduced prices.

BURG CHADWICK, M. D., Prop.,

Smethport, Penna.

OUR

WINTER SUITINGS

AND

FASHION PLATES

Are now ready for your inspection. Come in and make your selections.

H. W. RUBIN & CO

JANUARY SALE!

This is the month for White Goods and ready made Muslin underwear.

We have on hand a fine assortment of those goods, which we are selling at very low prices and the sale will continue through this present month of January.

We have never offered such bargains in Remnants of Dress Goods, Underwear and Hosiery as we have on our counters of this time.

You will be surprised at the many real bargains offered.

Come and see—the goods will do the rest.

Mrs. T. D. Nash

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1897.

ANDREWS & CONKLING. | ANDREWS & CONKLING.

Two Forty-Eight.

CHEAP ISN'T IT.

50 bran new Oak and Mahogany Rockers, covered with Damask, Brocatelle, Velour and Plush, Spring seats, a high grade chair, such as usually sells for $3.00.

OUR PRICE, $2.48.

$3.50 Fine Oak and Mahogany, Cobbler and Seat Rockers, usually $4.50.

88c, $1.25 and $1.50 Children's Rockers; over 50 to select from.

$12.50 Large 3-piece Oak Chamber suite.

15c. Window Shades, mounted on spring rollers, fixtures and all complete.

$1.00 per window, Lace Curtians, 3½ yards long, 60 inches wide.

40c. per yard, All Wool Ingrain Carpets, worth 50c.

Wall-paper, large line to close out.

New goods in to-day.

We are the people you want to see, when in need of anything in the house-furnishing line.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,

127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.

We pay the Freight.

We sew the Carpet Free.

ECONOMICAL BUYING.

Many people know how much this store can save them. Many people don't. We are trying to reach those who don't. Those who do will come anyway. Some people would be willing to pay an extra price here, just to choose from such an enormous variety; but prices are lower than any competition can touch. We could never have second such a trade if they were not

Stable Blankets.

30 styles for you to select from including the famous Burlington Blanket, the "stay on" kind. No straps or surcingles necessary.

Prices $1.15 up.

Horse Blankets.

Square ones—12 styles, including all the famous ones.

Prices $2.00 up.

Sleds.

About 25 styles of Children's Sleds and Cutters.

Sleds, 40c. up.

Cutters, $2.50 up.

The fastest sleds made for boys.

The handsomest ones for girls.

Skates.

The most improved skates for all people—50c. up.

Sleigh Bells and Chimes.

Fur robes—warm lap robes.

Housekeeping Department.

Just as complete as any city in America can show. Aluminum Cooking Utensils. Labor-saving Kitchen Articles.

Lamps.

Handsome—Rochester. Banquet Lamps as low as $1.75.

New style globes for lamps and gas fixtures. Princess Lamps.

Scarce two lamps alike.

China.

This China department is the marvel of this store. We keep 40 styles of Dinner Sets alone constantly in stock.

Dinner Sets from $7.00 up.

Stoves.

52 styles of Stoves here, including 20 styles of ranges. Our prices sell over 500 stoves each year. New Portable Mantel heaters.

Stoves from $3.00 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Bradford, Pa.

EMERY & WEAVER.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

1897! JANUARY SALE. 1897!

The saying is "wait until after the Holidays and you can buy goods much cheaper," and now the time has come. We propose to close out some of our line of Winter Goods, and if price will do it they will certainly go.

The weather has been mild and so it has been bad for wool underwear and if you want a bargain in this line we have got them. And the same on all wool goods.

Our Shoe Department is up to date but we have collected together a line in Ladies' and Misses' which we are bound to let go and if you are in the need or if you do not need them at present it will be your benefit to call, for the price will be so low you can't help but purchase. Now we mean what we say; do not go to the city looking for bargains when you can get them right here at home. During the next 60 days we will give you special prices on all goods through the entire store.

Yours for Bargains,

D. C. YOUNG,

SMETHPORT, PA

Goods Sold Will be for Cash.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.'s Mammoth Pre-Inventory SALE.

In order to have our stock at the lowest notch at the close of our business year we are inaugurating a great mark down.

Trade-Boomer.

By way of emphasis we quote below prices on first-class goods which cannot fail to interest

Shrewd Buyers.

Call and inspect these offerings:

Ladies' heavy wool hose	**20c.**
Misses' " " "	**15**
Ladies' " ribbed vests long sleeves	**12 1-2**
Gents' heavy wool Mittens	**20**
Gents' heavy wool hose	**20**
" light " "	**15**
" heavy " underwear	**60**
All wool flannel	**21**

Cloaks,

We have a few desirable Coats and Capes in stock yet. We will dispose of them at

COST.

We have a complete line of the famous Lumbertville "Snag-proof" rubber goods. Best in the world.

Hats,

Latest styles just received.

Neckwear,

New line of handsomest patterns.

Groceries,

Ask about our prices.

We mention two staple commodities

Arbuckles Coffee	**18c. lb.**
Granulated Sugar	**5c. "**

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS,

Smethport, Pa.

Jan 6, 1897

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

The New Year

Finds Gleason at the old stand making first-class pictures the same as ever. If you want a photograph get it now.

Those Carbonettes

are becoming famous and gaining popularity every day. Crayons at lowest prices.

GLEASON, The Photographer,

Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner
Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Send in your job work.

—Township and borough elections on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

—A communication from Mr. Mullette was crowded out this week.

—Sunday was a red letter day for the proprietors of the livery stables.

—The MINER is under obligations to Phil Lindeman for a fine calendar.

—According to the Mt. Jewett Herald the new flint glass works started up last Monday.

—Since 1820 there have arrived in this country 18,000,000 emigrants from foreign countries.

—Sheriff Davis has a continued story in this issue of the MINER. It will run three weeks.

—Next Monday, Feb. 8th, civil court will convene. Give the MINER a call while in town.

—Messrs. Wheeler & Co. of Eldred will cut in all at 2,000,000 feet of hemlock logs this winter.

—Ice men, who have taken contract for filling ice houses, have not made a fortune by any means.

—Mr. Lerch of Bradford was awarded the contract of printing the ballots for the February election.

—Ex-Sheriff A. B. Walker of Bradford has been confined to the house with pneumonia, but has recovered.

—We are in receipt of Vick's Floral Guide for 1897. It is a well printed and beautifully illustrated work.

—Messrs. Greer and Mulholland of Port Allegany have assumed possession of the Parker House at Rixford.

—If some one will send us a copy of the MINER dated Nov. 6, 1896, we will be under obligations to said person.

—Residents of Duke Centre found it necessary to burn wood during the late cold snap, owing to a shortage of gas.

—Several sleigh loads of our prominent Swede citizens attended Swedish religious service at Colegrove Wednesday night.

—Last Sunday's Harrisburg Telegram contained a good half-tone picture of Congressman C. W. Stone of this district.

—Mrs. J. B. Oviatt of Keating township, who has been ill for the past three months, is slowly improving at this writing.

—Earl Staid and Wm. Fox both of Bradford were incarcerated in Castle Davis last Friday on the charge of burglary.

—The Bradford Record of Monday says that at Custer City thermometors registered 30 degrees below zero Sunday night.

—There were thirteen of Clermont's prominent citizens in attendance at the Odd Fellows Encampment here Wednesday night.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad system owns 2,675 miles of track, the finest in the world. And has 100,000 employes on its pay roll.

—A large aggregation of East Smethport people enjoyed a sleigh ride and oyster supper Wednesday night. Supper was served at the residence of Alonzo Abbey.

—J. C. Doyle of Sartwell was removed to Buffalo last week and is at the general hospital. The latest reports from him are that he is improving. Mrs. Doyle is with him.

—Art McKeown, Bradford's Oil Prince, is again in the toils of the law owing to domestic troubles. He seems to have a penchant for keeping peace by hammering his wife.

—The MINER leads in job printing. Compare one of our jobs with some of the work turned out by one horse concerns, and your next order will be placed with the MINER.

—The McKean County Teachers' Association will hold their next convention at Mt. Jewett, Feb. 18-20. Able instructors have been engaged from the various normal schools of the State.

—The Lima Seminary was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Loss about $50,000. There were 100 students in the building at the time of the fire. All escaped but one, but several were injured.

—The Grand Central Hotel at Smethport is the place to seek quarters when at the county seat. James McGuire, the proprietor, is active in fraternal work and will bid you a hearty welcome.—Fraternal News.

—The East Smethport Social Club gave an enjoyable dance in their rooms last Friday night. Everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner and all who attended pronounced it a decided success.

—About thirty of our young Swedish friends drove to Mr Johnson's, this side of Ormsby, last Saturday night and had a most enjoyable time. An elegant supper was provided, and all came home in the wee, small hours of the morning.

—Last Monday one of the Finley boys caught what is said to be a muskalonge that weighed 18½ lbs, at the mouth of Potato creek, near Larrabee. Comrade B. F. Wright purchased the monster. It measured 3 feet 4 inches in length.

—The Bradford Hardwood Lumber company and the Fairbanks Wood Rim company are running some of their departments 12½ hours per day, employing more than 100 of their men two and a half hours overtime daily.—Record.

—The organ recital at St. Luke's church last Saturday night was not accorded the audience that it deserved. Every number on the program was well rendered, and reflected great credit on Mr. and Mrs. Mullette. Do not fail to attend the next one.

—Please remember that the sidewalks ought to be handled with care these days and not jarred suddenly.—Pittsburg News. This is published for the especial benefit of C. E. Barrett, who came near cracking the grating in front of the post-office recently.

—A hotel, mercantile or other business establishment is often judged by the stationery it uses. Bring your work of that sort to the MINER and the public will have a better opinion of the concern you are running. Our facilities are unexcelled in this section.

—We wish to say a word to boys who throw snow balls. Last Tuesday night a boy threw a snow ball hitting a respected citizen in the back of the head. Such things are dangerous and some of these boys will get into trouble if they do not desist.

—Ridgway has a young girl who has made applications for a position as news agent on trains, says the Falls Creek Herald. This might have the effect of stopping some of the profanity and vulgarity so common on a great many of the smoking cars.

—Two good and tried men have been selected from McKean to act as clerks at Harrisburg. J. M. McElroy is to be clerk of the House judiciary committee, and Hon. Lucius Rogers as clerk of the Senate appropriation committee.—Penny Press. Right you are brother. You hit it the first time.

—Miss Alice M. Badger of Smethport has been elected matron of the Bradford hospital to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss A. Gladdis. Miss Badger is a graduate of Columbia hospital, Washington, D. C., and is located ther at present. She will assume her duties Feb. 1.—Eldred Eagle.

—Sunday morning mercury registered 16 degrees below zero at Brownell's while Harry Wells, who ventured out at 4 o'clock that morning, declared it was 22 degrees below. Harry undoubtedly took a hasty glance at the figures and there is some doubt as to his correctness. Monday morning mercury was 8 below.

—Mrs. Benjamin Wood of Coleville died at her home Monday of dropsy, aged 62 years. She was the third wife of Mr. Wood who, with 13 children born of his different wives mourn the departure of the deceased. The funeral was held at the Catholic church here last Wednesday. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

—Among the attendants at the L. O. T. M. dance given at Ormsby Tuesday night were Misses Bessie Covely, Bessie Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gifford and Guy Gifford. They report a most enjoyable time, and speak in the highest terms of the citizens of that region. Will Gifford made the only kick and that was at the scarcity of water.

—The seventy-eighth anniversary of the I. O. O. F. will be celebrated at Kane, Monday, April 26, next. Members from Elk, Clarion, Clearfield, Indiana, Armstrong, Jefferson, Warren and McKean counties will be in attendance. There will be a large parade, and many able speakers will be present. Degrees will be exemplified by a specially instructed staff.

—Mr. C. Hubbell Barker of Saratoga, N. Y., and Miss Margaret C. O'Reilly, daughter of M. O'Reilly of this place, were married Thursday, Jan. 28, 1897, by Rev. Father Flood. Mr. Barker left for New York Saturday and will sail for India Wednesday, at which place he will arrive April 1st. He will be employed by an English Oil company and take charge of the drilling there.

—The many readers of the MINER will regret to learn that Miss S. A. Scull had the misfortune last Friday night to fall and fracture the small bone in her right leg just above the ankle. The ankle was also dislocated. Dr. McCoy reduced the fracture, and at this writing she is doing as well as could be expected. The MINER hopes it will not be long before the pleasant face of Miss Scull will be seen around again greeting her host of friends in her usual good health.

—The boy who spends his evenings at home reading newspapers, the local news of the town and the county and the general news of the day, or in reading some useful book, will certainly make a better man, everything being equal, than the boy who spends his evening on the street and loafing at places where the town gossip is dished out in the most vulgar manner. The taste of our boys should be cultivated so as to lead them by choice to engage their evenings in this profitable way.—Ex.

—Miss Alice Badger, the new matron of the Bradford hospital, assumed her duties last Monday. Miss Badger is well and favorably known here, she having resided in this place with her parents for the past fifteen years, with the exception of the time that she has been absent learning and practising her profession. Miss Badger, aside from ranking high as a professional nurse, is possessed of a kind heart and a gentle disposition, which will go a good ways toward alleviating the suffering of those placed under her care.

—The well which was drilled on the Loop farm near the Bell field, about a year ago, is again attracting attention. When drilling was stopped everything was moved away except the rig and casing. The owners, Shaver, Vaughn & Clark, have now moved the engine and boiler back to the well, set up a 100 barrel tank and are making preparations to complete the well. It is confidently expected that the well will be a paying one and that the field at this place will be considerably enlarged, says the Eldred Eagle.

—T. J. Campbell was accidentally shot and killed near McAmbleys this morning. Campbell and another man were hunting and separated. Shortly before noon today the body was found by J. D. Bolander, who was hauling wood. Campbell's body, when found, was still warm. The man's head was lying in the track. Evidently the man had stepped over a log and fallen, accidentally discharging the gun. A heavy charge of shot entered the right side of his neck and face. Campbell was aged about 25 years. He leaves a wife.—Tuesday's Star.

—In the case of J. C. McDowell and the National Transit company vs. the United States Pipe Line company, Judges A. G. Olmsted and T. A. Morrison handed down an opinion authorizing J. C. McDowell and the National Transit company to vote their stock, 2611 shares, of the defendants' company. And it was further ordered that W. I. Lewis shall be appointed master to conduct the stockholders' meeting of the defendant's company on the 5th day of February, 1897, and the said master is authorized to call the meeting to order and to admit the stockholders and their proxies to the said meeting.

—The Democrat, whose editor has, for the past six months, been using from one to three columns of space in airing the merits and demerits of its contemporaries, startles the readers of his worthy "light-o'-the-world" with the following in relation to correspondents sending "NEWS, not meaningless gossip," for publication: "It is sufficient for us to attend to our own business, without having to be bothered with other peoples' affairs, which do not in anyway interest the public." Oh Consistency Sam, thou art a jewel. Yes, a pearl—one sometimes found at a church festival; one that has been boiling in the soup until it has lost its lustre, and is thrown down, a worthless pebble, to be trampled on by the public.

Unlike most proprietary medicines, the formula of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other preparations are cheerfully sent to any physician who applies for them. Hence the special favor accorded these well-known standard remedies by the World's Fair commissioners.

Lost, a bunch of keys, somewhere between the Grand Central and St. Luke's church. Finder leave same at A. B. Armstrong & Co's store.

Death of Mrs. Josephine Muscato.

Last Friday night Mrs. Muscato, who was shot by Dominico Scavelli, near Clermont on Saturday, Jan. 2d, died from the effects of the wounds received at that time.

District Attorney Gorton was notified who sent a telegram to Coroner E. R. Sherman at Bradford. Saturday Mr. Sherman visited Clermont and made arrangements for an autopsy to be held here on Sunday at 10 a. m. The following gentlemen were selected as a jury to investigate the case: G. W. Mitchell, foreman, W. H. Morrison, H. M. Choate, J. F. Davis, Dr. A. H. Southwick, (Bradford), and Burt Olson. After being duly sworn they viewed the remains. Dr. John Clark and Dr. A. K. Korbin of Clermont then held the autopsy at the undertaking establishment of Herman Sasse.

Dr. Clark said before the coroner's jury that the bullet which had entered at the point of the shoulder had evidently deflected and taken a downward course passing between the first and second ribs, and entered the right lung, which he found full of puss and almost entirely gone, and was the true cause of the woman's death. Dr. Korbin corroborated Dr. Clark.

Nicolas Ross, an Italian, sworn, said he was sitting in the house conversing with Mrs. Muscato when Scavelli came in and asked where Muscato was, and commenced shooting at Mrs. Muscato; that he shot three times and then turned and went out of the house; that Mrs. Muscato got up and walked to the door and said, "you did not hurt me," or words to that effect. Scavelli started to come back, when she closed the door and going up stairs seized a gun, opened the window and fired at the retreating villian, but failed to hit him. John Staboni, another Itailan, gave substantially the same testimony through an interpreter.

The remains were placed in the Catholic cemetery Monday forenoon.

The Organ Recital.

The recital of music for voice and organ from the German masters of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries which was given at St. Luke's church on last Saturday evening was a worthy success and afforded a surprising delight to all who heard it. The selections were of a character that could not fail to give great pleasure and satisfaction, like the prayer from Weber's "Der Freischietz," the "Ave Maria," by Schubert, the popular "Largo," of Handel and the magnificent "Sonata in F minor," by Mendelssohn. And the way in which they were rendered shows very clearly that Mr. and Mrs. Mullette are musicians first and foremost and of no ordinary rank in their exact and difficult profession. Without the least particle of flattery or prejudice in any way, it can be said that the recital of last Saturday revealed a musical talent in the performers so far above the average as to cause a genuine surprise. As a natural gift Mrs. Mullette has a clear voice of wide range which has been assiduously cultivated and is under perfect control as regards execution and expression. The work of Mr. Mullette was that of a brilliant solo organist, that is, one who can use the organ not merely as an accompaniment to voices, but for the performance of the special and elaborate music which has been written for the organ as a compact orchestra in itself, when the instrument is made up of at least two manuals and a pedal. The organ at St. Luke's has twenty-six speaking registers which represent nearly every instrument in a large orchestra. It can be seen how much a capable organist has at his command and what varied effects he is able to produce. The selections on Saturday night brought out the resources of the large organ in its massive harmonies as well as in its delicate string and flute tones under the skillful manual and pedal work of the organist. We trust that Mr. and Mrs. Mullette may receive nothing but encouragement in their work in our community, as they are hard students thoroughly interested and entirely capable in their professional work and whose place, it is safe to say, could not be filled if they were to to leave us. Another such recital will be looked forward to with interest.

Brutal.

Mark Ellsworth and wife, who live on the New York side of the line near the village of Genesee Forks, Potter county, Pa., were arrested and brought to Coudersport jail last Monday for the brutal murder of their two-months-old baby.

Mrs. Ellsworth went to the neighbors and reported that two strangers had stolen her child and carried it away. Neighbors soon organized a searching party and searched the surrounding woods.

John Carpenter, a prominent merchant of Genesee Forks had no faith in the kidnapping story and organized another party and went to the Ellsworth home. They found tracks leading to a spring and from there to Cryder creek. Here they found where a hole had recently been cut in the ice and a thin film of ice had frozen over it. When this was broken the child's body was found.

The mother afterward acknowledged to having killed the babe, taken it to the stream, cut the hole in the ice and thrust the body of the poor little child into its cold depths. Mrs. Ellsworth implicated her husband's parents, but there is considerable doubt of their guilt. The Ellsworths are aged about 25 years each. It would be difficult to find punishment severe enough for such brutality.

Meeting of Press Club.

Quite a number of the McKean county Press Association met in Bradford last Tuesday night. Of this meeting the Era of Wednesday says: "Among the items of business discussed was the action of the Sheldon Advertising company in soliciting advertising cards from the merchants of this city and vicinity along the line of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad.

The Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg Railway company is the first railroad in this locality to attempt to use their cars for advertising purposes for hire and the publishers of the McKean newspapers believe that the railway company is exceeding its privileges in so doing and going beyond the rights guaranteed by its charter.

At the meeting last evening a quorum was present and this matter thoroughly discussed. A resolution was unanimously adopted that, inasmuch as the members of the association believe that the Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburg Railway company has no legal right to enter into the advertising business, an attorney be consulted and instructed to institute legal proceedings upon behalf of the McKean County Press Association to test its rights in this matter."

The MINER is in hearty accord with the movement. The newspapers of this section advertise all the excursions for the railroad companies and it seems out of place for railroad companies to go into advertising in opposition to the press.

Washington Excursion.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry., will sell tickets to Washington and return at one fare for the round trip account of the Inauguration of President McKinley. Tickets will be sold March 1, 2 and 3, good to return until March 8. Special Pullman sleeping car will run through without change from stations on Buffalo division on afternoon train March 3, arriving at Washington morning of March 4. Sleeping car space should be engaged at the earliest possible moment. To insure accommodations apply to W. N. Y. & P. local agents for berths and further information, or write S. H. Newton, Excursion Agent, Buffalo, N. Y.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. B. Mayo visited Bradford Monday.

T. B. Clark was over from Bradford Monday.

J. E. B. White of Hazel Hurst was in town Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison visited Kane relatives over Sunday.

J. A. McKean visited the mountain city of Kane Monday.

Hon. Henry Hamlin visited Binghamton, N. Y., Monday.

Sheriff J. F. Davis transacted business in Bradford Wednesday.

S. S. Washburn of Mt. Alton was a pleasant caller Wednesday.

Judge Morrison visited Coudersport Monday on judicial business.

D. H. Barnham of Eldred transacted business in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Freeman of Bradford spent Sunday at the Central.

Rev. William Coonan of Bradford was a guest at the Central Tuesday.

T. H. Patterson of Austin was a guest at the Central Wednesday night.

B. C. Ryan came down from Kane and spent Sunday with his parents.

Chas Lunden of Mt. Jewett was doing business in town last Saturday.

Frank Foster came over from Bradford Wednesday night to greet old friends.

F. C. Olds of Newerf and C. C. Olds of Olean were here on business Tuesday.

Editor W. L. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was greeting old friends here Monday.

C. N. Barrett of Port Allegany transacted business here the latter part of last week.

Ex-Senator A. F. Bannon came over on the evening train from Bradford Monday.

Dr. A. K. Corbin and wife of Clermont were guests at the Wright House Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Knapp visited her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Gibson, in Bradford Monday.

A. H. Gaffney and W. C. Blair of Kushequa were in town on business Monday night.

J. F. Rooney, J. E. Mullin and A. A. Daly made a business trip to Warren Monday.

Coroner E. R. Sherman of Bradford was a guest at the Wright House Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Fanny Burdick of Mt. Jewett was the guest of her father, Col. L. Rogers, over Sunday.

W. H. Jebb and Miss E. J. Wiley of Roulette were guests at the Grand Central Monday.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis and Clerk Del Weaver spent Sunday with their families at Kane.

A. D. Doyle of Ormsby was in town Tuesday. He was on his way home from a visit to Buffalo.

Jack Hughes of Turtle Point passed a short time here Tuesday while on his way to Mt. Jewett.

Miss Tessie Duntley is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. George Tweed of Lindsey, Pa.

George Williams of Wellsboro, agent of the Bingham estate, had business at the court house Tuesday.

Commodore Phil Linderman and D. W. Lerch of Bradford were pleasant callers at this office Wednesday.

Comrade B. F. Wright and W. H. Morrison drove to Bradford Tuesday to attend the Hoolmen's convention.

Mr. Warley Gifford, of Smethport, Pa., was a business visitor in Olean yesterday.—Tuesday's Olean Times.

R. J. Walker, one of Duke Centre's prominent citizens, was transacting business at the court house last Saturday.

T. D. Nash started for his old home in Crawford county last Saturday, where he will make an extended visit.

Mrs. M. B. Greer and daughter, Sarah, came down from Kane Tuesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reilly.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Southwick and little son, Felix, of Bradford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison over Sunday.

Thomas McDowell and R. H. Camp and their wives of Port Allegany were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Haskell Tuesday.

J. Lester Ward of Port Allegany was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. By the way Mr. Ward is a practical newspaper man.

Squire Nash drove over the hills from Rixford Monday, and he spoke in the highest terms of the salubrious climate along the route.

A. J. Martin of Jamestown came into town Monday to be here in time to see the wood chuck in his efforts to discover his shadow Tuesday.

Hon. Harry Alvan Hall, United States district attorney for western Pennsylvania, was transacting business at the court house Tuesday.

Wm. Pratt of East Smethport, who has been a constant subscriber to the MINER since 1863, was a pleasant caller Tuesday morning.

D. W. Howard of Instanter was a pleasant caller yesterday. He has been on a visit to his nephews, F. W. and G. R. Brownell.

Col. Lucius Rogers spent Sunday at home and started for Harrisburg Monday night to assume his duties on the Senate appropriations committee.

Gen. Hugh Boyd of Clermont visited town Monday and sustained his army record by capturing a fair amazon and carrying her away to the mountain hamlet.

Ex-Dist. Attorney Bouton, Daniel Bacon and S. J. Gifford, prominent Smethport residents, were guests at the Olean House over night.—Olean Times, Tuesday.

H. L. Burlingame left last Saturday for West Clarksville, N. Y., to spend a few days with his brother, but the weather put on such Icelandic airs that he came home Monday.

Mrs. Kate Marrow of Wellsboro arrived here Tuesday night and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Palmer. Wednesday she went to Mt. Alton where she will keep house for her uncle, S. S. Washburn.

The following young people drove to Mt. Jewett Wednesday and enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers: Misses May Choate, Grace McCoy, Grace E. McCoy, Dora Keenan, Rachel Rubin and Janette Hamlin; Messrs. Herbert Bard, Clarence Choate and G. B Mayo.

Democratic Nominees.

For the benefit of our Democratic friends, whose sheet seems to lack sufficient interest in the party to publish the names of their candidates, we publish the following:

Burgess—L. K. Hogarth.
Justice—Washington Stark.
Council—Carl Sasse, 2 years; J. F. Rooney, 3 years; Roswell Sartwell, 3 yrs.
School Directors—J. E. Shook, J. A. Holder.
Collector—E. T. Daly.
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Auditor—J. E. Mullin.
Judge of Election—John Cramsie.
Inspector of Election—J. Hungerford.

The family that is without its daily newspaper is to be pitied, for its members are sure to be behind the times. There are newspapers and newspapers, but it is as easy to get the best as the worst. The Buffalo Express is one of the best papers in New York State or the country at large, for that matter, and at 50 cents a month it is cheaper than most of its contemporaries that are sold at a lower price.

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We are having some splendid sleighing these days.

D. Weisenburg of Kane, has rented the Applestein store building and will open up a clothing store in the near future. He comes well recommended and no doubt he will do a prosperous business here.

Mrs. Muscatto who was shot by the Italian, Joe Scavelli, died last Saturday morning from the effects of the wound. Her remains were taken to Smethport for burial.

Mrs. L. Steinhauer entertained the L. O. T. M. at tea on Saturday last.

Miss Stella Martin, who is attending school Smethport, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lena Martin.

L. Steinhauer and J. W. Anderson took a trip to Hatchins one day last week to investigate the cause of the fire and make arrangements to continue the school at that place.

County Commissioner W. A. Young and Superintendent T. H. Ryan had business in town on Friday last.

John Troy of the Mandeville insurance company, Olean, had business in town on Saturday.

Hugh Warner was on the sick list a few days this week but is able to be around again.

Geo. Rudolph took a combined pleasure and business trip to Instanter Monday.

Coroner Sherman was in town Saturday and took the remains of Mrs. Muscatto to Smethport for an autopsy.

ANNIS CREEK.

Wesley Kinney was in Port Allegany Monday.

C. H. Holcomb drove over to Rixford Sunday.

Ray Foote of Port Allegany was seen on our streets Sunday.

Rev. Langmade is visiting in Olean and East Otto this week.

Harvey Besse and brother, Earnest, were over from Duke Centre last week.

Miss Re Winship is in Olean this week for the purpose of having her eyes treated.

B. C. Gallup of Port Allegany was in town Monday.

Those who have logs to haul are improving their time now.

Prof. E. L. Ault has commenced a second term of singing school in this place with about 25 scholars.

T. L. Knapp and wife were calling on friends Sunday.

Rev. E. H. Hosey of Roulette was the guest of I. H. Winship's family the forepart of the week.

MT. ALTON.

Rev. Crocker is holding revival meetings at Lafayette. He is assisted by Rev. A. C. Spencer of Salamanca, N. Y. The attendance is good and a deep spiritual interest seems to be manifest.

Mrs. W. D. Mosey and Jennie Coal were in Bradford Monday.

Miss Ella Kregie of Emporium is visiting friends in this place.

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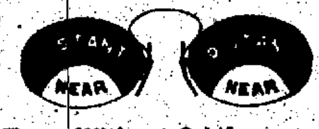

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The Great Diamond Swindle.

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specimens from the Jagersfontein mines were selected. They constituted the very pick of Vanderstroom's great safe, and as they were placed on one side to be appraised the little Dutchman sighed to discover how the expert eye of the Arizona silver king had traveled over all the snow tinged gems and fastened only on the blue white stones.

A splendid lot and cheap at £1,500. So evidently thought the American, for at that price the bargain was concluded. And now about the setting. What would Mr. Vanderstroom recommend? For himself, the American fancied the two finest pearl stones for earrings and the remainder in a spray, a cataract of brilliancy which, he guessed, "would take the shine out of Niagara and make Potshot Gulch sit up."

Ultimately it was arranged that Vanderstroom should get the jewels set, and the little man seemed proud of the confidence reposed in him. In six weeks at the latest the Dutchman undertook to deck the ears and bosom of the stranger's wife with the loveliest ornaments that ever struck envy into the female heart.

Then there was a pause.

The American seemed instinctively to divine the uppermost thought in Cornelius' head. With a pleasant smile he unbuttoned his coat with his only hand, the left. Then he was met by a difficulty which Vanderstroom was requested to assist in overcoming.

Would he mind putting his hand in his (the stranger's) left inside breast pocket and get his pocketbook out for him? Ever since "those dodgasted Indians" had winged him, remarked the American, with a laugh, he had made his wife his right hand, but as she wasn't there he must ask Mr. Vanderstroom to take her place and help him to weigh out some dollars.

Vanderstroom, thus invited, dipped his chubby little hand into his patron's pocket and produced the case. It was a handsome Russia leather affair, bound with silver and having an autograph set in the same metal on the back. But Cornelius placed the pocketbook in the American's hand without stopping to decipher the name.

He dipped his chubby little hand into his patron's pocket.

The stranger laughed again and returned it to the diamond merchant with a request that he would read it.

The little man gave a start, and a short, sharp cry of surprise sprang to his lips, for he could scarcely credit his eyes with what he read. There, on the American's costly case, he saw his own unusual name, "Cornelius Vanderstroom."

The American lighted a cigar, took a minute or so to get it into good working order, during which he seemed to be deriving infinite amusement from the merchant's astonished looks, and then he said:

"All powerful strange, ain't it, that my name should pan out just like yours! Guess I was just as flabbergasted as you when, looking in your London directory for a leading diamond joint, I came across the facsimile of my sponsorial appellation among the Hatton Garden community. That's what drew me to you, for it might be that we're kinder related."

The little Dutchman had never heard of any kith or kin in America. But then the tribe of Vanderstroom had scattered from The Hague and Amsterdam years and years ago, and some of them might have found their way to the colonies on the Hudson. Yes, no doubt the general was right—blood as well as business ties existed between them. And, as he knew full well the old settlers from the Low Countries formed the major portion of the aristocracy and wealth of the new world, Cornelius was by no means loath to welcome so desirable a family connection, especially when the taste for diamonds, the dashing bays and the untold wealth of Potshot Gulch were borne in mind.

No sooner, however, had these thoughts taken form within the active brain of Cornelius than a horrible suspicion presented itself. What if this newly discovered kinsman had only found him out in order to obtain a lengthy credit for the jewels he had selected? The bare idea was too appalling for contemplation, and it caused the little merchant to break out into a profuse perspiration.

The American was evidently a thought reader of the highest order. He produced a Bank of England note from his pocketbook for £100 and laid it on the table. "Bills," said he, adroitly calling in all America's artful aid, "are bully boys for business." No getting over them. He liked a fair and square deal, he did, and no favors asked. This was how he guessed he'd like to trade. He was a stranger in Europe, and he'd ask no man to go bail for him—no, sir-ee! That £100 bill was, he calculated, a better introduction than all the names and references "on this played out side of the herring pond."

The diamond merchant rubbed his hands, smiled effusively and was evidently of his namesake's way of thinking.

"Waal, then, s'pose we fix it this way," continued the American in his uncompromising Yankee style—"you hold this £100 bill and wire me to my hotel when the fixings to the diamonds are complete. Then I come along to your bureau and weigh in £1,400 more, and you hand over the jewels. That way I don't plank down too much beforehand for what I haven't got and you don't part with what you've not been fully paid for."

Really, after all, there was a downright honest way of trading about these New England folk that put your old world methods to the blush! So thought the little merchant as he consigned the note to his waistcoat pocket and took down the address of the American's hotel—a first class one, by the bye—in Northumberland avenue.

Then, with many expressions of mutual esteem, the two Vanderstrooms parted.

But long before the expiration of the term fixed for the completion of the setting of the diamonds the American was back in Hatton Garden, and the visits became more frequent as the intimacy between the two Vanderstrooms grew stronger. The colonel—he was not a general, as the Dutch Cornelius found out from inquiries he caused to be made at the American's hotel—the colonel developed a habit of dashing up with those magnificent bays of his to the merchant's office two or three days a week, "just to see how he was getting on" and to invite him out for a bottle of "1874" and an oyster patty at the adjacent railway restaurant.

On these occasions the American would allow the voluble little Dutchman to do the major portion of the talking. Somehow or other the conversation invariably took the direction, under the colonel's dexterous steering, of London thieves and the various great robberies and swindles that had recently taken place in the metropolis. This was a subject on which the diamond merchant was quite at home, and there being no wife in the way he proceeded to pose with great impressiveness as an authority on the intricacies of "put up yobs," the great bank haul of £11,000 and how all these affairs were worked on the conjurer's principle of "de quickness of de hand dat deceives de eye."

Once, after the opening of a second bottle, when Cornelius the lesser had grown extra communicative, he imparted to his kinsman the episode of the lost pocketbook and the tenacity with which his wife had stuck to the £3,500 she had found in the hall, refusing to give it up, except on its urgent demand for the application of the sum strictly to business purposes.

The American, who had been lolling at the bar with characteristic languor, grew suddenly interested. He stiffened himself up, listened attentively, became abstracted for a minute or two, then hastily, for such an unusually deliberate gentleman, tossed off his glass, pleaded a forgotten engagement, got into his phaeton and was driven off by the discreet looking groom, with whom he might afterward have been noticed in earnest conversation, in the direction of his hotel.

The following morning the Yankee Vanderstroom was again in Hatton Garden and almost as soon as the other Cornelius had arrived at business.

More news—wonderful wire from Potshot Gulch! "Blamed" if he didn't think the mine was "going to turn out a second Tombstone."

They were "ladling it out" of two more reefs and the wife must have more diamonds. Better finish her off once for all while he was about it with a necklace and stars. Those, with what he had already ordered, "ought," he declared, "to make her shine like the figurehead of Liberty at the entrance to New York harbor."

This time stones to the value of £2,000 were selected, and another £100 note was handed over, just, as the American put it, "by way of cover for the fixings."

The diamond merchant was perfectly satisfied, and, at his friend's urgent solicitation, promised to "hurry up" and have the entire suit complete that day three weeks, so that the silver king could catch the American mail on the following Friday, as he was anxious to lose no time in getting back to that wonderful Tom Tiddler's ground of his in Arizona. All reason for anxiety was furthermore relieved by the American promising to bring the £3,300 with him and "planked down, fair and square" before the jewels were handed over.

At last the eventful day arrived when the setting was finished and the magnificent suit of jewels was ready in its great velvet lined case for delivery.

The colonel was punctuality itself. He was driven up to the office, as usual, by that eminently respectable groom of his, and he came in smoking a great green cigar, as cool and collected as ever.

The suit was pronounced superb. It surpassed the colonel's expectations.

Would Vanderstroom the lesser mind putting the diamonds back in their case and handing them to his man below, while he, the colonel, counted out the notes?

The merchant was about to do as he was bid when his habitual caution got the better of him. He kept a firm hold on the case and didn't budge an inch.

The colonel evidently didn't see his hesitation. He was feeling as well as he could with his one hand in his pockets and seemed rather disconcerted at not finding what he was searching for.

Would his namesake mind "just going over him?" He was so helpless with his one hand.

There was no pocketbook to be found.

After a moment's reflection the colonel slapped his leg, laughed and said he had it. He remembered now his wife took his bill case out of his pocket at the hotel that morning to get some money to pay for some frocks.

"Guess she forgot to put it back. It's a way they've got, eh, Van?" laughingly ejaculated the American.

The colonel's open, hearty manner reassured the little diamond merchant, who was growing just a little—the merest shade of a trifle—suspicious.

The sharp eyes of the colonel noticed it at once.

"We'll soon fix that up," he said, with his usual calm drawl. "I'll stop right here and get the money all the same—every cent of it. But I must ask you to act as my secretary. My left fist ain't no good nohow with a pen. Here, any paper will do. Take this memo form of yours and scribble a few lines for me. My wife knows I came right here, and your billhead will recall the business and why I want the dollars."

Nothing unreasonable in that! Little Vanderstroom had penciled memoranda for his maimed namesake several times before. He sat down and wrote to the colonel's dictation:

> MY DEAR WIFE—Send me by bearer the pocketbook you have of mine, with its contents. I require it for an immediate and important payment. Don't keep the messenger waiting. Make him give you a receipt for it. Your affectionate husband,
>
> CORNELIUS VANDERSTROOM.

"Bully for you!" cried the American when the Dutchman had written, signed and sealed the letter. "Now, then, you just run down and give it to my man. Tell him to drive to the hotel, get his answer from my wife, and he'll be back with the dollars before we've time to finish a cigar."

"Broken my vord! Vat vord?" cried Vanderstroom in amazement.

The diamond merchant executed this commission with such alacrity and dispatch that he was back in the office almost before the colonel had taken a second puff at a fresh Villar y Villar.

The American held the closed jewel case in his hand.

"Lock it up," he cried jestingly, "or I might be tempted to run away with it!"

The little Dutchman hardly relished that form of joking. He opened his safe with surprising promptitude, and the colonel himself placed the case within its fastness. The merchant turned the key and returned it to his pocket.

They sat down and smoked. Time passed, and it grew dusk. The colonel became fidgety. Vanderstroom was also getting restless. It was time for him to be getting home to dinner.

After they had sat thus for more than an hour the colonel rose from his chair and put his watch to his ear. It must have stopped. No, it was going. Thirty three hundred pounds was a large sum to intrust a servant with. He wished he had gone to the hotel for the money himself. But—pshaw! Nonsense! He'd trusted the man with larger sums before. His wife had gone out and the groom was waiting for her. Yes, no doubt that was what it was.

Six o'clock and nearly dark now! An hour past closing time!

The colonel no longer disguised his anxiety. Something unusual must have happened. He would return to his hotel at once. His wife must have got home by that time. Would Vanderstroom come with him? Or—how silly he was—tomorrow morning would do equally well. Even if his man had gone wrong, he could easily get fresh notes and be in Hatton Garden with them by 10.

The diamond merchant was really more anxious about his dinner than anything else. Reflection had shown him that there was no cause for anxiety on his part. The jewels were locked up in the safe, and he had £200 as cover for the setting.

Therefore, as far as he was concerned, the payment might just as well be concluded on the morrow as that night.

They left each other after one or two refreshers at their favorite restaurant, with the appointment standing for 10 next morning. It was not kept by either party. The colonel called a hansom as he waved his one hand to him, and it was the last glimpse the little Dutchman ever had of his military Yankee relative with his distinguished bearing and his sleeveless coat.

When the little merchant reached his suburban home that night, it was late, for he had met a friend and dined with him at his club.

Mrs. Vanderstroom was dozing in a chair before the fire.

"My lofe," began her husband apologetically.

"I know," she answered sleepily. "I suppose you wanted it in business or you wouldn't have broken your word."

"Broken my vord! Vat vord?" cried Vanderstroom in amazement.

"Why, your word that you would never touch that £3,500 unless urgent"—

"Vere is de dree tousand fife hundret pounds?" shrieked Cornelius with horrible foreboding. "Speak! Who has got it?"

"Why, who should have it but you? Did you not send a man here with this order? And of course I gave the pocketbook up to him at once."

"Gott in himmel!" ejaculated the unfortunate merchant as his eyes caught sight of the memorandum paper he had written at the dictation of the American, requesting the immediate return of his pocketbook and signed—actually signed—Cornelius Vanderstroom, his own misguided autograph.

"Done, by —!" he shouted as the whole swindle flashed upon him. Then he rushed to the stables, had a horse put to his carriage at once and made his man drive at top speed back to town.

It was past 1 in the morning when he reached the American's hotel. The bird had flown. With a horrible suspicion that he had not yet realized the worst he next drove to the office in Hatton Garden. With trembling hands he unlocked the great safe and opened the jewel case. It was empty. In place of the diamonds there was only a slip of paper, and Cornelius Vanderstroom, the cute, the clever, the infallible detecter of a "put up yob," fell fainting on the floor as he read his own oft quoted maxim:

"It's the quickness of the hand deceives the eye."

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They never caught the colonel or his wife or that highly respectable confederate, the groom. The Scotland Yard detectives were of the opinion that the affair was the handiwork of a certain Flash Cassady, a cockney cracksman of phenomenal ingenuity and of cosmopolitan accomplishments, who had personated a Yankee with considerable success before. Whether this was so or not he disappeared, as Cornelius had to do when the robbery got wind, and the little Dutchman became the wholesale recipient of that form of common, or Garden, chaff for which the great diamond market is so justly celebrated. The notes and the diamonds were never recovered. The former, after a decent interval, found their way into the inevitable "innocent holder's hands," while the latter, when taken out of the setting, might have been easily disposed of on the continent. Thus the great Hatton Garden robbery lives now only in the archives of the police as the most successful and cutest "single handed" swindle of the century.

THE END.

Teeth and Food.

James Knight in his "Food and Its Functions" says in substance, in speaking of the alimentation of old age, that the disappearance of teeth in advanced years indicates a change in the food taken, since the stomach can no longer endure the strong food of former days. The period of decline is characterized by several organic changes. The muscles lose their tone, and this occurs not only in the voluntary muscles, but also in the coats of the intestines, giving rise to special disturbances. This want of tone affects also the blood vessels and the circulation generally, while the digestive system becomes weaker, and the mental powers share in the decreasing vitality. For healthy old age the body should be lean and spare, like that of a schoolboy, the fat and rich foods being reduced in quantity, animal foods restricted, one-fourth less or more, and the meals small and often. If the decline in energy is not met by a corresponding diminution of the demands upon it in the form of digestive activity, the result is sure to be accumulation of fat and retarded and even retrograde metabolism, producing gout and rheumatism. In advancing age the food consumed should approach that of youth, and in second childhood a return be made to bread and milk at the short intervals of early days.

Burns and the Smugglers.

Burns' sterling kindliness of heart was shown in his manner of discharging the not always kindly duties of exciseman. One clear moonlight morning he was awakened by the clang of horses at a gallop. He started up, looked out at the window and to his wife, who asked eagerly what it was, he whispered, "It's the noise of smugglers, Jean." "Then, Rob, I fear ye maun follow them," she said. "And so I would," he answered, "so I would readily were it Will Gunnion or Edgar Wright, but it's puir Brandyburn, who has a wife and three weans and is no doin ower weel in his farm. What can I do?" His wife drew him away from the window. It is said that many such stories could be told. For all that, Burns was an active and honest public servant.

Does It Pay to be Sick?

Besides the discomforts and suffering, illness of any sort is expensive. Hundreds of people consult the doctors every day about coughs and colds. This is better than to suffer the disease to run along, but those who use Otto's Cure for the throat and lungs do better still. It costs less and the cure is certain. You can get a trial bottle free of our agents, A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove; S. W. Stickney, Newerf,

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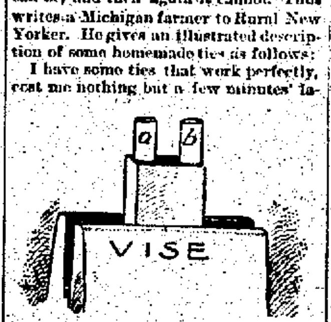
FARM GARDEN

HOMEMADE CORN TIES.

These Work Well, Cost Nothing and Are Not Patented.

Corn ties are "just what they are cracked up to be" and are very handy articles for tying corn shocks or bundles whenever one has any need for such a thing. They are needed whenever the work cannot be done as well and cheaper with something else. Sometimes it can be, and then again it cannot. Thus writes a Michigan farmer to Rural New Yorker. He gives an illustrated description of some homemade ties as follows:

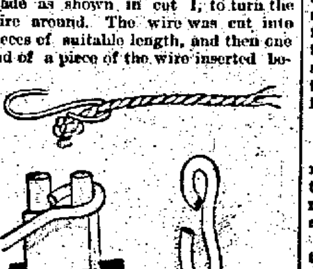
I have some ties that work perfectly, cost me nothing but a few minutes' labor, and there is no patent on them. I made the first ones out of an old clothesline and the chain from an old chain pump that had gone out of use. I separated the links of the chain by opening an end of each link enough so that they would come apart easily. Each link was then a hook ready to attach to the end of a piece of cord. The clothesline was cut into suitable lengths. I tied a knot in one end of a piece of the cord and then slipped a hook into it. Then I tied a knot in the other end of the cord, and the tie was done.



FOR MAKING CORN TIES.

In tying the shock the hook at one end of the cord catches and holds the knot at the other end. One can tie more knots in one end of the cord, if necessary, or fasten it with a half hitch if he likes that better. The cord and the hook must be proportioned to each other in size, so that there will be no danger of the knot slipping through the hook.

I had not enough of these ties, so I made some more of smaller dimensions. I used No. 11 galvanized fence wire for the hooks. I had in my kit a little tool made for me by a blacksmith for a similar purpose. It is only a flat piece of steel, put in a vise with one end made as shown in cut 1, to turn the wire around. The wire was cut into pieces of suitable length, and then one end of a piece of the wire inserted between the jaws a and b of the tool, and a loop formed by winding the wire around it. It is then slipped off the tool and the loop closed up and straightened with a hammer, if need be. Then the other end of the wire is bent around to form the hook. It is a handy way to have the wire cut into lengths long enough for two hooks. Turn a loop on each end of the piece before cutting them apart.



THE DIFFERENT HOOKS.

About 60 such hooks can be made from a pound of No. 11 wire, and they can be made very rapidly when a person gets the hang of it. Such ties cost but a trifle, and they are very handy to use. All these hooks are shown in cut 2.

Covering Wheat With Straw.

The mulching of wheat with either coarse or fine manure is a good way to dispose of it if done any time in winter, when the ground is frozen and covered with snow. The wheat may not pay much for the manure at present low prices. But few farmers now grow wheat for the profit they get from selling the grain. It is because no other crop is quite so good to use in getting a clover catch that it still holds its place in farm rotations. For the clover catch a winter top dressing of stable manure is worth a good many dollars per acre, according to American Cultivator, which adds:

It is possible that the increased value of the clover crop the first year will pay a dollar a load for the manure spread on the field the previous winter. Use, therefore, all the coarse manure you can spare for your wheatfields. But we would not advise you to use straw that had not been at least manure soaked. Dry straw would blow off from most fields, or, if it were held down until it became compacted into the soil, it might do as much harm as good. The straw itself has very trifling manurial value. It operates as a mulch to the surface soil at the time in early spring, when the soil requires the sunlight. It would also interfere with harrowing the wheat, one important purpose of which is to loosen the surface soil and expose more of it to sunlight and air.

Isinglass.

Most people take isinglass to be a mineral production, but such is not the case. Isinglass is prepared from the air bladders of giant sturgeons, a species of fish which inhabit the Caspian sea, and its tributary rivers. These fish average 25 feet in length, and it is said to take the bladders of 17 good sized ones to make three pounds of the glass.—Hardware.

How to be Handsome.

It is a mistake to suppose that the only way to be good looking is to be born so. Good health has more to do with good looks than anything else—such diseases as constipation, dyspepsia, liver complaint, rheumatism, nervous disorders, etc., not only shorten life but spoils tempers and looks. Bacon's Celery King for the nerves cures these troubles. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove, and S. W. Stickney, Newerf, sell it and will give you a trial package free.

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IMPORTANCE OF TILLAGE.

The Plow Point as a Cheap Source of Plant Food.

"New England farming is unique in its restricted area in tillage crops, having a lower ratio than any civilized nation, farming with little capital, labor and manures, and in this sense a low type of agriculture. Less than 12 per cent of its tillable area is under the plow, while in the west 84 per cent is in, more than quadrupling the ratio of the area tilled in this section." Thus writes a New Hampshire contributor to Country Gentleman. He has abandoned the old dogmas of New England farming and laid out a system that requires the tillage of an eminently large area. Following are additional extracts from his letter:

I have acted in part on the belief that the insoluble stores of plant food will be much more readily drawn upon than when under grass. This crop closes the soil and between its stems holds air nearly motionless, acting as a nonconductor. Our coarse granite soils in the far north, where the seasons are short, require the freest access of frosts and the air with its decomposing agents. Yet, strangely, the reverse policy prevails. A fat soil kept continuously open is tillage run mad and not the kind advocated.

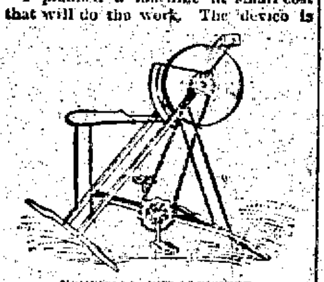
It is believed that the plow point is one of the cheapest sources of plant food at command. Sufficient distinction is not usually made between the plow and the harrow. The action of any implement that merely pulverizes is practically valueless so far as it bears relation to soil food. As a divisor of individual particles of soil its action would be infinitely slower and less effective than the mills of the gods. It is the plow that is to be relied on, for it admits the more rapid circulation of air in the soil laden with carbonic acid and other agents of soil decomposition. Its influence in stimulating the action of microbic life in the soil that causes fermentation and decomposition of its organic matters is one of its most important functions.

The method of plowing should differ with the soil. Sandy soils deficient in organic matter and already open should certainly receive a different furrow from a compact clay. The former should have a close and closed furrow or flat furrow, while the latter requires a lap furrow. Such a furrow loses nothing in breaking longitudinally and crosswise in the act of turning. As such furrows plow harder, their advocacy is of doubtful propriety, for we are in the age of effective after tillage tools in the cutaway type of harrows. No harrow with a tendency to pack the soil, like the old spike tooth class whose teeth act as wedges, should be used. As before stated, no harrow should be used for the purpose of pulverization and of soil decomposition that does not open the soil more freely to the air than before its use.

An Excellent Grindstone.

Do you want a grindstone which one man can turn and grind with comparative ease? If so, read what an Ohio correspondent tells Rural New Yorker about his machine.

I planned a machine at small cost that will do the work. The device is shown in the cut. To make one take the small sprocket wheels and chain from an old worn binder or other farm machinery and gear it two to one—that is, the lower, or crank, shaft which must have twice as many cogs as the one on the stone shaft. Use a stone 20 or more inches in diameter and be sure to get a good one. If geared higher than two to one, it will run hard, and much less gear would not turn fast enough. It is the fast motion that cuts. One may find an excellent pair of cranks from some old bicycle. A friend gave me mine. One can grind anything. I use it more for grinding mowing machine knives than anything else.



HOMEMADE, BUT EFFICIENT.

Shelling Squashes.

A correspondent writing to American Agriculturist says: [illegible] keep late [illegible] without [illegible] not fit for use [illegible] April [illegible] shell. [illegible] children have [illegible] Hubbards and [illegible] pumpkins, [illegible] thus to make the [illegible] airtight and to prevent decay.

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Trains leave Smethport for Larabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:20 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 2:56 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 2:56 p. m. connect at Olean with B. & A. Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south:

*Clermont Local, daily ex. Sunday 6:25 a. m.
Clermont Accom. daily ex. Sunday 12:17 p. m.
Clermont Accom. daily ex. Sunday [illegible]
*Clermont Local connects through to Ridgway.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points north:

Mail, daily ex. Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Mail daily except Sunday connecting at Port Allegany for Coudersport [illegible] p. m.

[illegible] full information [illegible]
S. L. Worden, Ticket Agent.
R. Bell, General Supt.,
J. A. Fellows, Gen'l Pass'r & Tkt. Agt.,
General offices, Mooney Brisbane Bldg., Cor. Main and Clinton St., Buffalo, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION. [illegible] In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION

EASTWARD.

[illegible]—Train [illegible], daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:23 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:1[illegible] p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays). Baltimore 6:20 a. m. Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

7:25 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

9:55 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:05 p. m.—Train 11, daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 6:05 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 7:35 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:50 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:05 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:25 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Daily except Sunday.

NORTH. A. M. LV.	STATIONS.	SOUTH. AR. A. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	12:00
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11:41
[illegible]	Bendigo	11:27
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11:22
[illegible]	Straight	11:10
[illegible]	Instanter	11:05
[illegible]	Smith's Run	10:54
[illegible]	Wooddale	10:51
[illegible]	Clermont	10:45

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 6:27 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 6:30 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:00 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

S. M. Prevost, General Manager. J. R. Wood, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE.

On and after Aug. 16, 1896, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

7:15 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:3[illegible] p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

[illegible] p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily—For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

[illegible] a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

2:0[illegible] p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m. Ar.		Dp. a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:50	2:20	7:2[illegible]	Keating	9:10	2:3[illegible]	7:50
[illegible]	2:52	7:1[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:52	8:05
[illegible]	1:50	7:00	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:20
[illegible]	[illegible]	6:50	Costello	[illegible]	3:13	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	[illegible]	3:25	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3:31	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3:47	
[illegible]	2:15	6:0[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	
[illegible]	[illegible]	5:31	Germania	11:2[illegible]	4:39	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Galeton	11:50	4:55	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6:40	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	3:45	6:55	
	p.m.	p.m.	Ar.	p.m.	p.m.	

[illegible] Cross Fork Br. [illegible] 12:15 [illegible] Cross Fk Jc [illegible] 1:00 6:10 [illegible] Cross F'k'n [illegible] 2:00 7:10

M. Hutchinson, Train Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad

Time Table, takes effect Monday, Nov 4, 1895.

A.M.	P.M.	EASTWARD. STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M. WESTWARD.
7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.41	2.30	9.50
7.21	2.0[illegible]	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.04
7.16	1.55	Perkins	7.51	2.45	10.10
[illegible]	1.50	Newfield Jc	7.57	2.50	10.15
7.05	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.56	10.30
7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2.59	10.34
6.50	1.25	Seven Bridges	8.11	3.11	10.50
6.[illegible]	1.20	Colebrook	8.21	3.15	10.55
6.40	1.11	Frink's	8.28	3.22	11.05
6.30	[illegible]		8.45	3.40	11.20
[illegible]	12.5[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.30
[illegible]	12.51	Hammond			1.35
[illegible]		Fish Basket			1.40
[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Olmsted	8.51	4.20	1.44
[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Mina	8.55	4.21	1.50
[illegible]	12.34	Knowlton	8.50		
[illegible]	12.2[illegible]	Roulette	9.05	4.35	2.11
[illegible]	12.22	Burtville	9.13	4.43	2.20
[illegible]	12.17	Coleman		4.47	
[illegible]	12.12	Port Allegany	9.24	4.55	2.33
P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua R. R. Co.

Time Table taking effect Jan. 1st, 1896.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:50 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:05 A. M. Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 16 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive in Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 2 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South			Stations		North	
1:15			Clermont		12:30	
1:25			Clermont Tank		12:25	
1:56			Wildwood		11:57	
[illegible]			North Fork		11:45	
2:10			Key Fork		11:33	
2:14			Gray Gables		11:30	
2:30		Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:14	
2:35	7:40	Lv		Ar	10:55	6:15
2:38	7:43		Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:45	7:50		Deisch		10:42	6:00
2:50	7:53		Groll		10:37	5:55
2:57	8:00		Gillen		10:28	5:45
3:02	8:07		Paine		10:25	5:40
3:06	8:11		Centreville		10:20	5:3[illegible]
3:10	8:15		Daggus Crossing		10:13	5:27
3:18	8:24		Shelvey Summit		10:07	5:20
3:21	8:29		Coneo		9:58	5:14
3:27	8:33		Thompson		9:53	5:10
3:31	8:37		Curry		9:48	5:07
3:37	8:42		Brandy Camp		9:4[illegible]	5:02
3:40	8:47		Elbon		9:3[illegible]	5:00
[illegible]	8:57		Hyde		9:20	4:44
4:05	9:01		Shawmut		9:15	4:35
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

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